STATISTICAL REPORT

Of the United Presbyterian Congregation of *in the*
Presbytery of *for the year*
ending on the 31st of December, 185 .

☞ One copy to be kept by the Congregation, and another delivered to the Presbytery.

I. Number of Organized Congregations,.....
II. Number of Stations within bounds,.....
III. Average attendance,.....
IV. Number of Members added,.....
V. Number of Members removed,.....
VI. Number of Members on the Roll,.....
VII. Number of Baptisms,.....
VIII. Number in Religious Classes,.....
IX. Number of Members attending Prayer Meetings,....
X. Number of Volumes in Libraries,.....
XI. Number of Churches,.....
XII. Is Property Deeded?.....
XIII. Amount of Congregational Debt,.....
XIV. Total Income,.....
XV. Expenditure on—

1. Stipend,.....£
2. Church Property,.....
3. Theological Fund,.....
4. Synod and Presbytery Funds,..
5. Synod's Missions,.....
6. General Missions.....
7. Contributions to the Poor,.....
8. Incidental Expenses,.....

Minister.

Clerk of Session.

Clerk of Congregation.

MINUTES

OF

THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION

OF

THE SYNOD

OF THE

United Presbyterian Church in Canada,

HELD IN TORONTO, JUNE 15—23, 1853.

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ROLL OF SYNOD, JUNE, 1853.

☞ *The figures mark the number of Sederunts which members attended.*

I. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
George Murray	.....	Blenheim	Princeton.
15 James Skinner	Alexander Smith	Bethel	London.
.....	John Whillans	English Settlem't.	"
John McLellan	.....	Detroit	Detroit, Mich.
15 J. J. A. Proudfoot, *Clk*..	Adam Murray	London	London.
John Logie	William Elder	Warrensville	Hay.
.....	James Shaw	Bayfield	
.....	Edward McDonald	Brucefield	
7 John Fraser	.....	Chatham	Chatham.
15 William Cavan	Duncan McVannel	Blanshard	St. Mary's.
.....	John Thomson	Downie	
.....	John Govenlock	McKillop	McKillop.
.....	James Hay	Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
.....	James Thomson	Adelaide	Adelaide.
.....	John Williamson	Warwick	
.....	—— Stirling	Goderich	Goderich.
.....	Andrew Lesslie	Harwich	
.....	Thomas Smith	Tilbury	

II. PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

15 Thomas Christie	James Gray	Flamboro'	West Flamboro'.
Alexander Ritchie	.....	West Dumfries...	Ayr.
David Caw	.....	Paris	Paris.
15 John Porteous	Andrew McKnight	Beverly	Kirkwall.
14 Alexander Drummond.	14 Daniel McNaughton...	Brantford	Brantford.
15 William M.ª Christie..	7 Dr. Aberdein	Chippewa	Chippewa.
15 Andrew Ferrier, D.D..	John Burness	Caledonia	Caledonia.
7 Robert Rodgers	John Hackney	Blandford	Hayesville.
15 John Hogg, *Clk*.....	15 James Henderson	Hamilton	Hamilton.
15 John McClure	7 John Lawrie	St. Catharines ...	St. Catharines.
.....	John Denton	Port Dalhousie...	
J. F. A. S. Fayette	.....	Ancaster, West .	Ancaster.
15 John Dunbar.....	James Smith	Glenmorris	Glenmorris.
.....	12 Robert Christie	St. George	St. George.
.....	.....	Mount Pleasant .	
.....	.....	Eastern Seneca...	
.....	.....	Norwichville	
.....	.....	Thorold	
.....	.....	Tilsenburgh.....	

III. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
15 John Taylor, M.D.	.....	.....	Toronto.
15 William Fraser	6 Adam Goodfellow.....	W. Gwillimbury..	Bond Head.
.....	.....	Tecumseth	
.....	.....	Essa	
15 John Jennings	11 William Bell	Toronto	Toronto.
15 James Dick, *Clk*.....	9 Charles Pollock.....	Richmond Hill...	Richmond Hill.
15 David Coutts	William Little	Chinguacousy 1st.	Chinguacousy.
" "	.....	do. 2nd.	"
11 Alexander Waddell....	Peter Nesbit	Pickering	Pickering.
14 James Pringle	David McClure	Brampton	Chinguacousy.
14 Thomas Dickson.....	Samuel Lindsay	Caledon.....	Caledon.
12 William Dickson	James Somerville	Vaughan	Humber.
" "	.....	Albion	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

15 Wm. Taylor, D.D.	Warden King.....	Montreal	Montreal.
7 Alex. Lowden, *Clk*. ...	John Morrison	New Glasgow ...	New Glasgow.
John Morrison.....	Thomas Rutherford ...	Madrid.....	Waddington,N.Y.
Peter D. Muir	George Danskin	Huntingdon	Huntingdon.
7 Walter Scott	John McOuat	LaChute	La Chute.

V. PRESBYTERY OF LANARK.

15 William Aitken	Adam Foster.....	Smith's Falls	Smith's Falls.
15 Alex. Henderson, *Clk*..	James Patterson	Pakenham	Fitzroy Harbor.
.....	John Robertson.....	Torbolton and Fitzroy Harbor	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

14 R. H. Thornton, *Clk*..	7 James Burns	Whitby	Oshawa.
John Cassie	.....	Port Hope.....	Port Hope.
12 George Lawrence	.....	Clarke	Newcastle.
12 John Ewing	William Hunter.....	Emily	Emily.
14 Alex. Kennedy	14 William Roy	Darlington	Darlington.
.....	6 William Mitchell	Newton.....	Clarke.
.....	.....	Newcastle.....	Newcastle.
.....	.....	Amherst Island...	Amherst Island.
.....	.....	Lindsay	
.....	.....	Fredericksburgh .	
.....	.....	Ernestown	
.....	.....	Mariposa	
.....	.....	Verulam	
.....	.....	Oakhills.....	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

15 Robert Torrance, *Clk*..	James Armstrong	Guelph	Guelph.
15 William Barrie	William Loughrine ...	Eramosa.	"
15 JohnDuff	Joseph Geddes	Elora	Elora.
.....	.....	Esquesing	
.....	.....	Brant	
.....	.....	Sable River	
.....	.....	Lake Shore	

Official Members of Synod and Committees,

FOR 1853.

THE REV. WILLIAM BARRIE, MODERATOR.

THE REV. WILLIAM FRASER, CLERK OF SYNOD.

THE REV. JOHN TAYLOR, M.D., PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY.

THE REV. ROBERT TORRANCE, CONVENER OF MISSION COMMITTEE.

THE REV. R. H. THORNTON, CONVENER OF COM. FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PREACHERS.

THE REV. JOHN TAYLOR, M.D., CONVENER OF COM. ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

THE REV. JOHN JENNINGS, CONVENER OF COM. ON NOVA SCOTIA CORRESPONDENCE.

Stated Collections ordered by the Synod.

1. MISSION FUND.—Collection to be made in January.

2. SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY FUND.—Collection to be made in April.

3. THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND.—Collection to be made in October.

MINUTES

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

1. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY,
June 15, 1853, 7 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and, after sermon by the Rev. Andrew Ferrier, D. D., Moderator, from Matt. xxv. 21, was constituted.

London Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of London reported that they had accepted of the Rev. William Howden's demission of the pastoral charge of of the congregation of Adelaide, on the 7th July, 1852; that they had ordained Mr. William Cavan to the office of the ministry, and to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Blanshard and Downie, on the 7th October last; that on the 3rd of March, 1853, they had organized the station of Hibbert into a congregation; that on the 24th March, they had organized into a congregation the station of Flat Creek; that on the 6th of April, they had accepted Mr. McKenzie's demission of the charge of the congregation of McKillop, and that on the 2nd of June instant, they had received the Rev. Mr. McGregor on trial as a missionary.

Flamboro' Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported that on the 23rd November, 1852, they received the Rev. J. F. A. S. Fayette, and the congregation of Ancaster West, under his inspection, formerly of the Niagara Presbytery, Canada West, into the fellowship of the United Presbyterian Church; and that on the 18th May, they ordained Mr. John Dunbar, preacher of the Gospel, over the church of Glenmorris. Also, that on the 12th October, 1852, they dis-

joined the Esquesing congregation, by request, in order to facilitate its reception into the Wellington Presbytery.

Toronto Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported—

1. That they had admitted and constituted the Rev. Dr. Taylor, Professor of Theology, a member of the Presbytery, on the 3rd of August, 1852.

2. That they ordained Mr. William Dickson to the pastoral charge of the united congregations Albion and Vaughan, on the 3rd day of September, 1852.

3. That they licensed Mr. John Dunbar to preach the Gospel, on the ninth day of November, 1852.

4. That they, on the 8th of February, 1853, admitted the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, a minister of the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Saratoga, State of New York, to the status of a probationer of this Church, according to the rules of Synod in such cases. (see pp. 161, 162, of printed Minutes.)

Durham Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Durham reported that, on the 5th of April last, they had received the Rev. Mr. McCurdy's demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Amherst Island; and that on the 11th of May they received the Rev. Wm. Ormiston's demission of the charge of the congregations of Newton and Newcastle. Also, that they had licensed Mr. Gilbert Tweedie, and Mr. John G. Carruthers on the second Tuesday of January.

Wellington Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported that on the 13th February, 1853, they had received the congregation of Esquesing under their superintendence.

Names taken from and added to the Roll.

The names of Messrs. Howden, McKenzie, McCurdy, and Ormiston, being taken from the rolls of their respective Presbyteries, were taken from the Roll of Synod; and the names of Professor Taylor, of Messrs. Cavan, Wm. Dickson, Fayette, and Dunbar, being added to the Rolls respectively of the Presbyteries of London, Flamboro', and Toronto, were, thereupon, added to the Roll of Synod.

The Roll of Synod, being completed from the Rolls handed in by the Clerks of the several Presbyteries, was now called and marked.

Admission of Professor Taylor —question on.

A question was here raised as to the legality of the action of the Presbytery of Toronto, in electing Professor Taylor a member of Presbytery, and further, as to the legality of his being constituted a member of Synod.

Bills and Overtures, Committee of.

The Rev. Messrs. Proudfoot, Hogg, Dick, Lowden, Thornton, Henderson and Torrance, were appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures—Mr. Torrance, Convener—with instructions to report at the first Sederunt to-morrow.

Devotions, Committee to conduct.

The Rev. Messrs. William Dickson and Cavan were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises of the Synod to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, THURSDAY,
June 16, 1853, 9 *o'clock A.M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met according to adjournment, and was constituted by Dr. Ferrier, Moderator.

Devotional exercises.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Messrs. William Dickson and Cavan.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Professor to be member of Synod and Presbytery.

Resumed the consideration of the question as to Professor Taylor being a member of the Synod, and of the Presbytery in whose bounds he resides.

On motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Barrie, it was agreed, by a large majority,

Decision.

That in conformity with the common practice of other Presbyterian Churches, and the course adopted by our parent Church in the only instance in which a case similar to the present has occurred, our Professor of Theology be recognized as, *ex officio*, a member of this Synod, and the action of the Presbytery of Toronto in receiving the Professor as a member of that Presbytery, be sustained.

Lanark Presbytery, Report of

The Presbytery of Lanark reported, that they had disjoined certain members of the United Presbyterian Church resident at Fitzroy Harbor and Torbolton, at their request, from the Congregation of Pakenham, and erected them into a congregation, to be designated "The United Presbyterian Congregation of Torbolton and Fitzroy Harbour.

Moderator chosen.

The Synod now proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, when the Rev. James Dick of Richmond Hill, and the Rev. William Barrie, of Eramosa, were respectively nominated and seconded.

The first nomination being fallen from, and the vote being taken, Mr. Barrie was unanimously elected, and thereupon took the Chair and addressed the Synod.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. McCaul invited to correspond.

The Rev. Mr. McColl, of Lewiston, being introduced by Mr.

Wm. M. Christie, was invited by the Moderator to correspond, and take his seat in Synod.

Bills and Overtures, Report of Committee.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their Report as to the order of business, as follows:

1. Business on the Synod minutes—namely: First—Report of Committee on Rules of Order. Second—Report of Presbyteries on the employment in Missionary labor of Ministers whose Congregations receive aid from the Mission Fund. Third—Report of Committee on the Nova Scotia Correspondence. Fourth—Reports of Presbyteries as to the inspection of Students. Fifth—Report of Committee on the Curriculum of Students. Sixth—Report of the Committee of Missions.
2. Protest and Appeal from the Session of Toronto Congregation, against a decision of the Toronto Presbytery, in the case of Mr. Ure.
3. Papers in the case of Protest and Appeal by Cameron and others, against the decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, refusing to organize them into a second United Presbyterian Congregation in the City of Toronto.
4. Overture, from the Presbytery of Wellington, on the management of Congregational affairs.
5. Reference, from the Presbytery of Durham, on the Clergy Reserves.
6. Memorial, from the Presbytery of Durham, on Sabbath desecration.
7. Petition, by the Rev. Mr. Caw and others, for the formation of a new Presbytery.
8. Petition from Blenheim congregation to be connected with this Presbytery.
9. Overture on Trials for Ordination.
10. Overture, for a Committee of the whole House, on the state of religion in our congregations.
11. Overture, by Dr. John Taylor, respecting the reception of Ministers and Preachers from other denominations.
12. Overture anent the payment of Preachers.
13. Overture on the Eldership.
14. Overture, by the Presbytery of Wellington, as to the ordination of the Rev. Wm. Dickson over the congregations of Albion and Vaughan, in violation of a law of Synod.

The Commitee also recommended that the business be taken up in the order stated in the Report.

The Report and recommendation of the Committee were adopted, and the Synod resolved accordingly.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the minutes of the several Presbyteries composing this Synod:—Of

London.....	Messrs.	Duff and Wm. M. Christie.
Flamboro'.....	"	Jennings and Torrance.
Toronto.....	"	Skinner and Proudfoot.
Canada East.....	"	Aitken and Porteous.
Lanark.....	"	Waddell and Dr. Ferrier.
Durham.....	"	Dick and Wm. Dickson.
Wellington.....	"	Coutts and John Fraser.

Reports to be given in at the second Sederunt on Friday.

Accounts. Committee on

Messrs. Thornton and Henderson were appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurers of Synod. Report to be given in at the second Sederunt on Friday.

Read the Report of the Committee on Rules of Order. Rules of Order.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

III. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, THURSDAY,
June 16, 1853, 2 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read, and being corrected, were sustained.

Entered on the consideration of the Draft of Rules of Order. Rules of Order, Consideration of.

Proceeded with the consideration of the Draft from Rule 1 to Rule 37, inclusive, which, with certain alterations and amendments, were adopted.

Adjourned, to meet at seven o'clock, this evening.

Closed with the benediction.

IV. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, THURSDAY,
June 16, 1853, 7 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Entered on the consideration of the state of our Mission, when the Report of the Mission Committee was read by Mr. Torrance, the Convener. Missions, Report of Committee.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Duff, and an address on Missions was delivered by Mr. Skinner. Devotional exercises. Address.

The thanks of Synod were unanimously and cordially given to Mr. Skinner for his address. Thanks to Mr. Skinner.

The Clerk informed the Synod that the Congregational Union of Canada West, had appointed the Rev. Professor Lillie and the Rev. Mr. Wickson, a Deputation to wait upon this Synod. Congregational Union Deputation.

It was agreed to invite the attendance of the Deputation at ten o'clock, forenoon, on Tuesday next. To be received on Tuesday.

Synod to meet on Monday next week.

It was agreed, that when the Synod adjourns to-morrow night, it shall stand adjourned until Monday, the 20th instant, at seven o'clock, P.M., then again to meet for the transaction of business.

Synod, next meeting of.

Appointed the next meeting of Synod to be held in the City of Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of June, 1854, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned, to meet at nine o'clock, to-morrow morning

Closed with praise and prayer.

V. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, FRIDAY,
June 17, 1853, 9 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Rules of Order, consideration of.

Proceeded with the consideration of the Draft of Rules of Order, from No. 38 to 46.

Motions on Rules of Order.

It was moved by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Coutts,

That the Rules of Order agreed to *seriatim*, be now adopted *in cumulo*.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Dick,

That the Rules be adopted *in cumulo*, with the exception of No. 44, and that the following be substituted in its place, viz: That no minute of Synod can be expunged unless by the majority of the members who were present at the time it was passed.

It was moved in further amendment to the original motion and the first amendment, by Dr. William Taylor, and seconded by Dr. Ferrier,

That no minute of Synod shall be expunged except by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

Decision.

The amendments and the original motion being severally put, the original motion was declared to be carried by a majority, and the Synod did, and do, resolve in terms thereof.

It was further agreed that the said Rules of Order be printed in the appendix to the minutes, for the use of members of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Duff, and seconded by Mr. Waddell,

Order of business.

That we proceed with the order of business as recommended by the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Lawrence, and seconded by Dr. Ferrier,

That the Synod suspend all business under the first head of the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and proceed with the business under the second head.

Decision.

The motions being put by the Moderator, the amendment was carried, and the Synod resolved to proceed with the business under the second head of the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Session of Toronto congregation in appeal from a decision of Presbytery.

Took up the protest and appeal of the session of Toronto congregation against a decision of the Toronto Presbytery, in a case between the said session and George Penman Ure.

Read the minute of the Toronto Presbytery, transmitting the case to Synod; also, an extract of the minute of session transmitting the case to Presbytery; also, the minute of the Toronto Presbytery, of date August 4, 1852; also the protest and appeal of George Penman Ure against the decision of the session cutting him off from the membership of the Church—said protest and appeal containing a copy of an extract of the decision of session; also, extracts of the minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, in the case, of date 15th September; also, minute of the Toronto Presbytery, of date 9th November, embodying the Report of the Committee of Presbytery to attempt to accommodate the matters at issue between the parties; also, the decision of the Toronto Presbytery in the case.

Adjourned, to meet at two o'clock, P.M.

Closed with the benediction.

VI. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, FRIDAY,
June 17, 1853, 2 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Minutes of Presbyteries.

Called for the Reports of Committees appointed to examine the minutes of Presbyteries.

London.

Mr. Duff reported from the Committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of London, that the book of that Presbytery was not presented to them.

Flamboro'.

Mr. Jennings reported from the Committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro', that they had examined the books of the said Presbytery, and found them kept in an orderly manner.

Durham. The Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Durham, reported that the business of the said Presbytery was properly recorded.

Canada East. The Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Canada East, reported that they had been unable to obtain the records from the Presbytery Clerk.

Lanark. It was reported by the Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark, that they had examined the minutes of the said Presbytery from the 21st December, 1851, to the 16th June, 1853; and they certify that the business has been regularly transacted, and the minutes kept in an orderly manner.

Wellington. The Committee on the minutes of the Wellington Presbytery, reported that having examined the said minutes, they found them kept in a very correct and orderly manner, and that they display a very laudable zeal on the part of the Presbytery, in Missionary operations within their bounds.

Accounts, Report on. The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Synod's Treasurers, reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Home Synod's grant, and found them correctly kept. Also, that they had not quite finished the examination of the accounts of the Synod's Treasurer; and craved for further time to complete this service. Time was accordingly granted.

Appeal resumed. Resumed the consideration of the case of Appeal, interrupted by the adjournment.

Read the reasons of Protest and Appeal of the Session of Toronto Congregation against the decision of the Toronto Presbytery in the case. Also, the Presbytery's answers to the reasons of Protest and Appeal. Also, the minutes of the Session of Toronto Congregation in the case of Mr. Ure. Heard Mr. Jennings and Mr. Bell on behalf of the Session.

Adjourned, to meet at seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the benediction.

VII. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, FRIDAY,
June, 17, 1853, 7 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

Toronto Presbytery, report on minutes. The Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, reported that they had examined the said minutes, and found them kept in an orderly and correct manner.

Appeal from Toronto Session resumed. Resumed the consideration of the business interrupted by the adjournment.

Heard the Rev. Dr. John Taylor in defence of the decision of the Presbytery of Toronto in the case.

Heard also the Rev. Mr. Coutts in defence of the said decision.

Heard Mr. Ure, as a party interested in the case.

The Session of the Toronto congregation were heard in reply, by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, and Mr. Bell, Elder.

Questions were put to Mr. Ure by the Synod, and were answered. Questions were also put to Mr. Jennings, and answered.

The parties were then removed.

Committee on the case. The Rev. Messrs. Thornton, Aitken, Henderson, Proudfoot, Dr. Ferrier, and Dr. W. Taylor, were appointed a Committee to mature this case for the decision of Synod; and report at the first Sederunt on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Aitken to be Convener.

Adjourned, to meet at seven o'clock, P.M., on Monday.

Closed with the benediction.

VIII. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, MONDAY,
June 20, 1853, 7 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

To reply to Congregational deputation. The Rev. Messrs. Kennedy and McClure were appointed to reply to the Deputation of the Congregational Union, on behalf of the Synod.

Brant Presbytery, application for a new. Read and received a petition from the Rev. Messrs. Caw, Drummond and Rodgers, members of the Presbytery of Flamboro', on behalf of themselves and certain Sessions and Congregations therein enumerated, praying to be disjoined from the said Presbytery, and to be erected into a new Presbytery.

Also, read and received a petition from the Rev. Mr. Murray, and the Session of the congregation of Blenheim, Burford and Woodstock, within the bounds of the Presbytery of London, praying to be connected with the new Presbytery when formed.

Read, also, extracts from the minutes of the Presbyteries of Flamboro' and London, transmitting the petitions.

On motion, it was agreed

Brant Presbytery erected. That the prayer of both these petitions be granted. And that the Ministers, Sessions, and Congregations of Brantford, Blandford, Glenmorris, Mount Pleasant, Norwich, Paris, Blenheim, Burford and Woodstock, be disjoined from the Presbyteries of Flamboro' and London, respectively; and be erected into a new Presbytery, under the name of the Presbytery of Brant: Mr. Drummond to be Moderator. And that the first meeting be held in this place to-morrow, the 21st instant, at twelve o'clock, noon.

Missions, consideration of. Entered upon the consideration of the business of Missions, interrupted by the adjournment on the night of last Thursday; and took up the report of the Committee of Missions.

Report adopted. After reasoning, the Report, with certain alterations and amendments, was adopted, and ordered to be printed, together with the

To be printed with statistics in Appendix. general Statistics of the Church, as Appendices to the Synod's minutes.

The accounts of the Rev. Thomas Christie, Treasurer of the Home Synod's Grant, were read.

Committee on Supplement. The Rev. Messrs. Dick, Skinner, Wm. M. Christie and Drummond, were appointed a Committee to consider certain suggestions of the Committee of Missions, in regard to supplement of stipend under certain circumstances. The report of the said Committee to be given in at the first Sederunt to-morrow. Mr. Dick, convener.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M..

Closed with the benediction.

IX. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, TUESDAY,
June 21, 1853, 9 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sedurunt were read and sustained.

Missions, to deliver addresses on. The Rev. Professor Taylor, and Mr. Duff, were appointed to deliver Addresses on Missions at the meeting of Synod next year.

Missions, committee appointed. On motion, it was resolved that the Committee of Missions of last year be reappointed, with the addition of Messrs. Barrie and Dunbar, Ministers, and Messrs. McNaughton and Fotheringham, Elders.

The Committee, as thus reconstructed, will then stand as

follows—namely: The Rev. Professor Taylor, Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. Messrs. Jennings, Torrance, Hogg, Barrie, Dunbar, and Thomas Christie (Treasurer, *ex officio*); together with Robert Christie (the Synod's Treasurer, *ex officio*), Thomas Armstrong, and Thomas Fotheringham, Esqs. Mr. Torrance, Convener.

Public questions, committee on. The Rev. Professor Taylor, Dr. Ferrier, and Mr. Thornton, Ministers; and Messrs. McNaughton, Roy, and Henderson, Elders, were appointed a Committee on Public Questions, with especial reference to the questions of Slavery, of Sectarian Schools, and the Right of Public Discussion, with instructions to report to-morrow.

Supplement of stipend, report on. The Committee appointed last night on the subject of supplementing stipend under certain circumstances, reported. After reasoning, the Report was recommitted, to be brought up at another time. The Rev. Professor Taylor was added to the Committee.

Congregational Union deputation. The Rev. Professor Lillie and the Rev. Mr. Wickson, the Deputation of the Congregational Union of Canada West, were introduced to the Synod by Mr. Jennings, and were cordially welcomed by the Moderator.

Deputation address. The Reverend the Deputies then severally addressed the Synod, reciprocating the sentiments of unity in the faith, and of respect and brotherly regard with which they were received by the Moderator.

Reply to. Messrs. Kennedy and McClure addressed the Deputation on behalf of the Synod.

The Synod then engaged in praise by singing the 133rd Psalm; and at the request of the Moderator the Rev. Mr. Lillie led in prayer.

The Moderator then read the 17th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, and the Rev. Professor Taylor engaged in prayer.

Deputation invited to correspond. On motion of Mr. Dick, the Rev. Professor Lillie and the Rev. Mr. Wickson were invited to correspond and take their seats in Court.

Nova Scotia correspondence, report on. The Committee on Correspondence with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, reported the copy of a letter transmitted by them to that Church.

Thanks, and instructions to committee. The draft of letter read was highly approved; the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee for their diligence; and they were instructed to prepare extracts from the letter for publication in the Canadian Presbyterian Magazine.

Committee reappointed. The Committee on the Nova Scotia Correspondence were then

reappointed, consisting of Messrs. Jennings, Thornton, Dick, and Fraser.

Mr. Sinclair relieved from further service.

The Convener of the Committee of Missions having stated that the Rev. Mr. Sinclair desired to obtain leave of absence for some time, to visit his friends in the United States, the Synod decided that for reasons which do not affect the ministerial standing of Mr. Sinclair as a probationer, nor his moral character; and as the term of six months for which he was received is expired, he be now relieved from all obligation of further service to this Church; and that the Presbytery of Toronto, by which he was received, be instructed to give him historical testimonials of his connexion with this Church, and of the termination of that connexion.

Adjourned, to meet at two o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the benediction.

X. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, TUESDAY,
June 21, 1853, 2 *o'clock P. M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted, by Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Session of Toronto and Mr. Ure, report of committee on.

The Committee appointed in the case of the Session of Toronto Congregation, Appellants, and the Presbytery of Toronto, Respondents, gave in their Report, as follows:—

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church:—

The Committee appointed in the case of the Session of Toronto Congregation, Appellants, and the Presbytery of Toronto, Respondents, beg to present their report, and to submit the following findings for the adoption of this Court.

1. That inasmuch as the expressions complained of by the Session of Toronto were uttered by Mr. Ure in the presence of this Synod, at its meeting in June, 1852, it belongs to this Synod alone to review them, and pronounce any judgment upon them which would affect Mr. Ure's standing as a member of this Church.

2. That, therefore, the conduct of the Session of Toronto was irregular in instituting proceedings against Mr. Ure, on the ground of these expressions: for while it was competent to them to come before this Court with a complaint against Mr. Ure for having uttered them, it was in their case *ultra vires* to bring the matter to an issue by expelling him from the Church.

3. That, therefore, said sentence ought to be rescinded, and Mr. Ure placed on the same footing which he occupied at the close of the meeting of Synod above referred to.

4. That while we cannot approve in all points of the course which the Session of Toronto took, in their dealings with Mr. Ure, subsequent to last meeting of Synod, yet the spirit which he manifested, in refusing to make any explanations with the view of establishing a better understanding between him and the Session, merits the strong disapprobation of this Court. (From this finding, two members of Committee dissented.)

5. That the sentence of the Presbytery should also be set aside; for though there is less irregularity on their part than on the part of the Session, yet the ground on which they rest their judgment is one which cannot be sustained, viz., that the expressions complained of by the Session had been under the consideration of the Synod, and a deliverance given upon them. (From this finding, the two members of Committee referred to in the last finding dissented.)

6. That the strong language employed by the Presbytery in certain parts of their answers to the Session's Reasons of Protest and Appeal, merits the particular notice and the disapprobation of the Synod.

7. The Committee recommend that the Synod vindicate their authority in this matter, by taking the whole case into their own hands, and proceeding, if they see cause, to summon Mr. Ure and the Session to their bar, and there to deal with them as truth and justice may require.

8. That this case ought not to be decided by this Court merely upon the ground of ecclesiastical forms of procedure, but on the high ground of Christian principle, and under a sincere desire to do all in our power, as we shall be answerable to Christ, to restore peace to the Congregation of Toronto.

(Signed) WILLIAM AITKEN, *Convener.*

The Report was received, and it was agreed to proceed to its consideration.

Deliverance on Report.

The first, second, and third articles of the Report were adopted without opposition.

Upon taking up the fourth article, it was moved by Mr. McClure, and seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

That we delay the consideration of this article until the Convener of the Committee is present.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Porteous,

That we proceed with the consideration of the article.

The amendment was carried, and the case was proceeded with.

It was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Torrance,

That article IV. of the Report be not adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Hogg,

That article IV. of the Report be adopted.

The motion was carried against the amendment, and the fourth article was not adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Lawrence,

That article V. in the finding of the Committee be rejected.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Hogg,

That article V. be retained and adopted.

On a vote being taken, a majority voted for the motion, and article V. of the Report was rejected.

It was moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

That article VI. of the finding of the Committee be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Lawrence,

That article VI. be rejected.

It was decided by a majority that article VI. of the Report shall be adopted.

On motion of Dr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Skinner, article VII. of the Committee's Report was adopted.

It was moved by Dr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Skinner,

That article VIII. be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Torrance,

That article VIII. be not adopted.

The amendment was carried by a majority, and the VIII. article was not adopted.

Deliverance on Report.

The Report of the Committee, as adopted by the Synod, will then consist of articles I., II., III., VI., VII.

Parties to be summoned.

On motion of Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was unanimously agreed, that the Synod do see cause to summon Mr. Ure and the session of Toronto congregation before their bar to answer in the premises, in accordance with the recommendation in article VII. of the Report, as adopted. Whereupon, the parties being present, the Moderator did summon them to appear before the Synod, at seven o'clock, this evening.

French Canadian Missionary Society.

On motion of Dr. W. Taylor, it was agreed to renew the recommendation that Collections be made in all our congregations for the French Canadian Missionary Society.

Vacancies and Preachers, resolution on.

Took up the question of the vacancies of the Church and the inadequate supply of preachers, when

It was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Porteous,

That the Synod, taking into consideration the many obligations under which it lies to the parent Church for the many substantial tokens of beneficence and kindness which it has given to it, takes this opportunity of expressing its cordial thanks for these; taking also into consideration the great scarcity of Preachers, and also the urgent calls from the many vacant congregations for settled pastors, agrees earnestly to solicit the co-operation of the Mission Board in Scotland, with a view to secure the services of at least ten additional preachers; and that this object be the more speedily gained, agree to appoint a deputy to repair to Scotland to consult with the Mission Board, and take what other steps may be deemed necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Aitken,

That the last clause, after the word "preachers," commencing with "and that this object," to the end, be omitted.

The amendment was first put and carried, and the motion, as amended, was then adopted. Amendment carried.

Adjourned, to meet at seven o'clock, P.M.

Closed with the benediction.

XI. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, TUESDAY,
June 21, 1853, *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

Mr. Ure. Decision of Toronto Presbytery affirmed.

As there appeared to be some degree of doubt as to the effect of the decision of Synod, in reference to the fifth article of the Report of the Committee on the case of the Session of the Toronto congregation Appellants, and the Toronto Presbytery Respondents, it was

Moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Lawrence,

That the decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, in relation to the case of Mr. Ure, be sustained and affirmed.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

That the Synod abide by the decision of the former Sederunt in relation to the finding of the said Committee, without addition.

The amendment being first put, was lost; and the motion being put to vote, was carried. And the Synod did and do sustain and affirm the decision of the Toronto Presbytery in the case, in terms of the motion.

Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported a paper marked XV. from the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, and transmitted by the Presbytery of London.

Parties. Session of Toronto and Mr. Ure appeared.

The parties who had been summoned by the Moderator at the former Sederunt—namely, the Session of Toronto congregation and Mr. Ure, being now called, appeared.

Presbytery of Toronto, report of Mr. Waddell's demission.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that the Rev. Mr. Waddell had demitted the charge of the congregation of Pickering, and that his name had been taken from the Roll of Presbytery. It was thereupon taken from the Roll of Synod.

Mr. Waddell invited to correspond.

Mr. Waddell was then invited to correspond, and take his seat in Court.

Appeal case resumed. Motion on.

Took up the case of the Toronto Session and Mr. Ure.

In regard to this case, it was moved by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

That a Committee of the Synod be appointed to retire with the parties, with power to take such steps as may tend properly to adjust the matter before the Synod.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Henderson,

That this motion cannot be entertained, because it is tantamount to a rescinding of the resolution of Synod at its last Sederunt—to summon the parties to the Bar, and "there to deal with them."

Motion carried.

The amendment being first put, was lost. The original motion was then carried, and the Synod resolved in terms thereof.

Dissent and Protest.

Dr. William Taylor begged leave to enter his disssent from this Resolution, for reasons to be afterwards given in; and to protest against all proceedings that may be taken by the Committee that may be appointed.

Messrs. Aitken, Henderson, McClure, and Fraser, asked leave to join with Dr. William Taylor in his dissent and protest.

Committee appointed.

Messrs. Skinner, T. Christie, Porteous, Torrance, Duff and Thornton, Ministers, and Messrs. McNaughton, Roy and Christie, Elders, were then appointed a Committee in terms of the Resolution; and were instructed to retire with the parties, and to report with all possible despatch. Mr. T. Christie to be Convener.

The Committee then retired.

On motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. McClure, it was resolved,

Hymn Book.

That this Synod authorize the use, in public worship, of the Hymn Book sanctioned by the parent church, in any of the congregations under their charge disposed to introduce it.

Rev. A. Kennedy, case of.

Took up a paper from the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, which was transmitted by the Presbytery of London.

Committee on.

It was agreed to appoint a Committee to meet with Mr. Kennedy, to examine his application to this Synod, and to report their action in the matter as soon as convenient. And thereupon Dr. Ferrier, Professor Taylor, Messrs. Thornton and Proudfoot, Ministers, and Robert Christie, Esq., Elder, were appointed a Committee for the purpose recited. Dr. Ferrier, Convener.

Sabbath desecration, memorial on.

Read a Memorial from the Presbytery of Durham, in reference to the public desecration of the Lord's Day.

Clergy Reserves Overture.

Read, also, a Report, in the nature of an Overture, from a Committee of the Presbytery of Durham, in relation to the Clergy Reserves.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, seconded by Dr. Ferrier, it was agreed

Committees appointed.

That a Committee or Committees be appointed to draw up a series of resolutions on the Clergy Reserve and Sabbath questions, with a view to their adoption by this Court.

Messrs. Henderson and Ewing, Ministers, and Mr. Roy, Elder, were appointed the Committee on the Sabbath question, with instructions to report to-morrow evening.

Messrs. Lawrence and Aitken, Ministers, and Robert Christie, Esq., Elder, were appointed the Committee on the question of the Clergy Reserves; also with instructions to report to-morrow evening.

Appeal, Toronto Session and Mr. Ure. Report of Committee.

The Committee in the case of the Session of Toronto congregation and Mr. Ure reported as follows:—

To the Moderator and other members of Synod, in Court assembled:

The Committee appointed in the case of the Toronto Session, versus Mr. Ure, met, and was constituted by the Convener, the Rev. Mr. Christie. All the members present.

Mr. Jennings appeared, and stated that out of respect to the Convener of the Committee, and the Synod, he had come here to state for himself, for the Session, and for the Managers of this congregation, that they declined meeting the Committee, and would not have this business conducted in private.

Mr. Ure appeared, and stated that he had obeyed the decision of Synod hitherto, and would not shrink from it at the present time: That he did not use the string of epithets ascribed to him in the way in which they are now brought before the Synod; and that all he wished to convey was, that the minutes did not represent the conversation which took place on the question of the Atonement: And that if it were to help the Synod to come to a decision in his case, he wished to say that all he wanted was a certificate of membership.

(Signed) Thomas Christie, Convener.

The Report of the Committee was received.

It was moved by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that it be resolved,

Deliverance on the case.

1. That inasmuch as one of the parties has declined acceding to the measure which the Synod in its judgment deemed best, thus obstructing our efforts amicably to adjust the case, it is due to the Synod to assert its authority, and therefore dismiss the case.

2. That inasmuch as Mr. Ure has made a very important explanation; and in desiring to separate himself from the Toronto congregation, thus obviating a difficulty before complained of by the Session after the last meeting of Synod, agreed to grant Mr. Ure a certificate.

A motion for adjournment being put and lost, the motion of Mr. Skinner was put and carried; and the Synod did and do resolve in terms thereof. From these resolutions the Rev. Dr. W. Taylor craved leave to enter his dissent, for reasons to be afterwards given in.

Dissent.

Messrs. Aitken, McClure, Henderson, Hogg, Ewing, Proudfoot and W. Fraser, craved leave to join in dissenting from these resolutions.

Mr. Jennings, for himself and for the Session of Toronto congregation, protested against the decision of Synod in the case.

Adjourned, to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with the benediction.

XII. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY,
June 22, 1853, 9 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read.

Minutes, correctness of questioned.

A question was raised as to the correctness of the minutes in regard to the omission of the protest of Mr. Jennings and the Session of Toronto congregation, against the resolution of Synod to refer their case to a committee.

It was moved by Dr. Wm. Taylor, and seconded by Mr. Hogg,

That Mr. Jennings be allowed to enter his protest, as demanded by him.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Thornton, and seconded by Mr. Drummond,

Deliverance on.

That the protest taken at this stage be not received, on the ground of informality, and inasmuch as his Protest has been fully allowed at a subsequent stage of the business; and that the minutes as they stand be therefore sustained.

The amendment being first put, was carried; and the Synod did and do decide in terms thereof.

Dissent and Protest.

Mr. Jennings, in his own name, and in the name and in behalf of the Session, dissented and protested, for reasons to be given in.

Appeal, Cameron and others against Toronto Presbytery.

On the motion of Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

That the Protest and Appeal of Cameron and others against a decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, refusing to organize them into a congregation of the United Presbyterian Church in Toronto, be taken up,

It was agreed to enter upon the case.

Delay.

It being stated that Mr. Jennings and the Session of Toronto, being deeply interested in this matter, were not present, it was therefore agreed, in the meantime, to take up some other business.

Distribution Committee.

The Committee for the distribution of Preachers, consisting of Messrs. Thornton and Kennedy, was now appointed.

Accounts read.

The Synod's Treasurer, Robert Christie, Esq., now read his accounts.

Approved.

The accounts were approved; and the cordial thanks of the

Synod were given to the Treasurer for his diligence and attention to the business entrusted to him.

Accounts to be printed in minutes.

Ordered—That the Treasurer's accounts, in detail, be printed as an appendix to the minutes; and that the editor of the "Canadian Presbyterian Magazine" be requested to insert the accounts in that periodical.

On motion, it was agreed

Accounts to be closed May 20th.

That the Synod's Treasurers be instructed to close their accounts on the 20th day of May, or on the first lawful day thereafter. And the members of Synod are hereby instructed to attend to the regular collections required by Synod for the various schemes of the Church, at the proper times.

On motion, it was resolved

Supplement to be paid from Synod Mission Fund.

That the Committee of Missions be instructed to supplement weak settled congregations from the funds raised in this Province, so far as they are adequate.

On motion, it was agreed

Mission Committee, Instructions to.

That the Committee of Missions be instructed, without delay, to correspond with the Mission Board of the parent church, with a view to carrying out the earnest desire of this Synod for a further supply of Preachers, as expressed in the resolution of a former Sederunt.

On motion, it was resolved,

Library, Theological, £10 to.

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of £10 of Library funds in his hands to the Committee on Theological Education, to be expended by them for behoof of the Library of the Theological Institute.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, it was unanimously agreed

Clerk's salary to be £15.

That the salary of the Clerk of Synod be henceforth £15 per annum.

Appeal, Cameron and others, to be proceeded with.

It was agreed to proceed with the case of Appeal of Cameron and others at two o'clock, P. M., in order that the Session of Toronto Congregation may be duly notified. The Moderator of the Session was accordingly notified for himself and the Session.

Session notified.

On motion of Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Dick, it was unanimously resolved,

"Evangelical Christendom," thanks for, and instructions to Clerk.

That this Synod express their cordial thanks to the Rev. Dr. Steane of Camberwell, Surrey, and to the person or persons through whom the Ministers of the United Presbyterian Church in this country have so long gratuitously received the periodical called *Evangelical Christendom*,— with their appreciation of the objects of the Evangelical Alliance: and further, that the Clerk be instructed to transmit this resolution to the Rev. Dr. Steane, together with the list of names of the Ministers composing this Synod.

Presbytery Reports on Missionary labor of supplemented ministers.

Called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the employment in missionary labor of Ministers whose congregations receive aid from the Mission Fund.

Flamboro' Pres.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' gave in their Report as follows— namely:

Report of Missionary labor for the past year, furnished by the Flamboro' Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Rodgers is the only Minister who has performed Missionary labor in the bounds of this Presbytery during the past year. His services have been confined to Norwichville and Tilsinburgh. He has

preached on ten different Sabbaths in Norwichville, and seven times on week days, and has visited all the families connected with our church in that locality. He has also preached and visited repeatedly in Tilsinburgh. The Presbytery believe that much good has been done by Mr. Rodgers as a Missionary, both as regards the interests of the United Presbyterian Church and the interests of vital religion; and they confidently believe that the seed sown will yet produce a plentiful harvest.

(Signed) JOHN HOGG, Presbytery Clerk.

The Report was received, and the diligence of the Presbytery approved.

London Pres. The Presbytery of London reported, that they had no person employed in that service during the past year.

Toronto Pres. The Presbytery of Toronto reported, that they had not employed any Minister in Missionary labor during the past year, because they did not see cause.

Canada East Presbytery, no report. The Clerk of the Presbytery of Canada East being absent, there was no report from that Presbytery.

Lanark Pres. The Lanark Presbytery reported, that none of its members had been employed in missionary labor during the past year.

Durham Pres. The Presbytery of Durham reported, that they had not employed any of their Ministers in this service for the last year.

Wellington Pres. The Presbytery of Wellington reported, that none of their Ministers are in receipt of aid from the Mission Fund; and that therefore they had no report to make of such Missionary labour performed.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed

Missionary labor, Reports to be sent to Mission Committee. That the reports of missionary labor performed by Ministers receiving supplement from the Mission Fund be transmitted from the Presbyteries, within whose bounds these labors are performed, to the Mission Committee.

Students, inspection of, Reports of Presbyteries. Called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the inspection of Students of Theology.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported as follows:

The Toronto Presbytery beg leave to report, that they had under their inspection the following students—namely, Messrs. Lees, Fotheringham and Bruce, who were examined at several meetings of Presbytery, and delivered essays, to the full satisfaction of the Presbytery.

(Signed) JAMES DICK, Presbytery Clerk.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported as follows—viz:

The Presbytery of Flamboro' report, that they have only one student—Robert C. Moffat—under their inspection; that he has met with them several times during the past year; and that he has performed all the prescribed exercises entirely to their satisfaction.

(Signed) JOHN HOGG, Presbytery Clerk.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported, that they had no students for the past year.

There were no reports from the remaining Presbyteries.

Adjourned to meet at two o'clock, P. M.
Closed with the benediction.

XIII. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY,
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The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Toronto Session, Protest of. The Rev. Mr. Jennings here handed in the reasons of protest for himself and the Session of the Toronto congregation, against the Resolution of Synod, passed immediately after the reading the minutes in the morning, in relation to their case, as follows—viz:

The Rev. Mr. Jennings, in his own name, and in behalf of the Session of Toronto, dissents and protests against the decision for the following reasons:

1. Because he and the Session dissented and protested, when the decision was come to, on the ground that they would appear before no select committee, having the strong desire that the whole case should be examined in public.

2. Because the Synod had, at a previous Sederunt, agreed to take up the whole case, having summoned the parties to the Bar; and that therefore the decision to proceed by private committee was a deviation from a course previously agreed on.

3. Because any party has a right to dissent and protest at any and every stage of the proceedings affecting their case.

In behalf of the Session of Toronto,

(Signed) JOHN JENNINGS, Moderator.

Public questions The Committee on public questions, with especial reference to the questions of—1st, Slavery; 2nd, Sectarian Schools; 3rd, Right of Public Discussion—reported,

Report of Committee on Slavery. First, on the question of Slavery, they submitted the following resolutions for the adoption of the Synod:

1. That the Synod feel called upon to express the unqualified and unmitigated abhorrence with which they have always contemplated Slavery, as repugnant to the light of reason, the principles of natural justice, and the spirit and precepts of our holy religion.

2. That the Synod are grieved to know that Slavery still prevails among nations which have made great progress in civilization, and are distinguished for their religious privileges and professions. And the Synod cannot refrain from referring, in particular, to many of the United States of America, where church members, and even office-bearers, are said to be deeply implicated in the matter.

3. That the Synod deeply regret, that comparatively few of the churches in the United States have taken such energetic action on this subject as the Synod consider to be demanded; while some of them have altogether connived at this evil, and others have almost directly given it their sanction. That the Synod are persuaded, that decided practical testimony borne by the religious portion of the community against this great enormity of Slavery, is likely to prove one of the most effectual means of its suppression; and that there is little hope of that object being accomplished so long as that testimony is withheld.

4. That the Synod, though aware in some measure, of the difficulties connected with the abolition of Slavery in the United States, and anxious to make due allowances on that account, agree to record their approbation of, and sympathy with, those churches, which have excluded slave-dealers and slave-holders from their fellowship; and will feel it an honor and a privilege to co-operate on Scriptural principles with such churches in their efforts against Slavery, and in other works of faith and labours of love.

On the second question—namely, that of Sectarian Schools, the Report of the Committee embodies the following Resolutions:

Schools, Sectarian, Report on.

Resolved—1. That this Synod approve of a National system of Education, placing all the members of the community upon a level, and encouraging, as that now in force in this Province does, the use of the Scriptures under certain reasonable regulations, as are also prescribed therein.

2. Holding these views, we deeply regret to perceive the principle of Sectarian Schools so distinctly recognized in the latest amendments of the Provincial School Act, and do strongly testify against such a principle as impolitic and mischievous, recognizing as it does the right of the Government to take the moneys of the people and appropriate them for the purpose of sustaining and extending religious distinctions, and thereby continuing to stimulate the elements of discord throughout the community, and greatly marring social interests.

3. That this Synod recommend to those under their care, the use of every proper and constitutional means to secure the repeal of all such statutes as recognize the principle of Sectarian Schools.

On the third question submitted to the Committee—namely, the Right of Public Discussion, the Report recommended for the adoption of Synod the following resolutions:

Free Discussion, Right of.

1. That this Synod maintain the right of full and free public discussion of all questions of national interest, whether political, philosophical, moral, or religious; and they regard it as the privilege of every member of society to state, explain, and vindicate his sentiments, on proper occasions, on all such questions.

2. That whilst they thus maintain the right of public discussion as the privilege of all persons and classes, the Synod are by no means to be considered as giving their approbation to any expression, either by word or action, by individual or combined demonstration, which would tend to irritate, or provoke to any breach of the public peace, rather than to enlighten and convince the understanding. But this is to be understood as in no way limiting the right of free and calm enquiry and discussion on points on which parties may widely differ from each other.

3. That this Synod express their regret that on some late occasions, in the Eastern sections of this Province, this freedom of speech and discussion was obstructed by threats and violent proceedings, leading to disastrous consequences; and they maintain that all such interference with the privilege of public discussion should be condemned, and effective measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such disorderly and dismal occurrences.

The Report on the whole of the questions as above was received, and was, on motion, unanimously and cordially adopted; and the Synod did and do resolve in terms thereof.

The Committee on the case of the Rev. Andrew Kennedy reported, and the report was received.

Mr. Kennedy's case.

It was agreed to remit Mr. Kennedy's case to the consideration

of the Committee of Missions, to be dealt with as they shall see cause;—with the exception that Mr. Kennedy's request for a Synodical certificate be granted, and that such certificate be given him.

Sabbath Desecration, Report on.

The Committee to whom was remitted the question of the public desecration of the Sabbath, reported a series of resolutions for the adoption of the Synod. They are of the tenor following, viz:—

1. That the Sabbatical Institution is altogether of Divine authority, and that the obligation to observe it extends over all time and all men.

2. That God, "The Lord of the Sabbath," in bestowing on man as a gift six days out of seven, reserved the Seventh day as his own special property.

3. That "The Lord of the Sabbath" has commanded that His own day be wholly devoted to spiritual exercises; and has imposed upon man the solemn obligation "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

4. That of the Sabbath day, the "Lord's day," and by him appointed to be kept "holy," man cannot, without being chargable with the sin of robbing God, take any part, and devote it either to the performance of secular duties or to mere amusements.

5. That the Synod see with sorrow that the "Lord's day" is profaned by travelling on railways and steamboats, in consequence of Governmental requirements, whereby servants of the public in postal and other departments of the State are obliged, under the penalty of the loss of place, to violate the sanctity of the Sabbath.

6. That the Synod recommend, that all the Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations of the United Presbyterian Church, and the individual members thereof, employ every legitimate means in their power to procure the enactment of such laws as may relieve public servants from the necessity of Sabbath desecration.

7. That to render effectual the means employed to remove the causes of Sabbath profanation, the Synod further enjoin, as those who must give account of souls, that all over whom they have the spiritual oversight, see that in their personal deportment, their domestic arrangements, and public life, they "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The Report was received, and its recommendations adopted, and the Synod did and do resolve in terms thereof.

Toronto congregation, Memorial of.

Received a memorial from the Managers of the Congregation of Toronto, in reference to the case of Appeal, Cameron and others against the decision of the Toronto Presbytery, the memorial being transmitted by the Presbytery.

Appeal, Cameron and others.

Took up the case of Protest and Appeal, Cameron and others against a decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, refusing to grant the prayer of a petition for the erection of a new Congregation of the United Presbyterian Church in the City of Toronto.

Papers.

Read the remit of the Presbytery of Toronto, transmitting the case. Read the decision of the Presbytery appealed from; also, the reasons of protest and appeal by the Appellants. Read also the Report of the Presbytery's Deputy to examine into the state

and prospects of the Petitioners; also, the petition first presented to the Presbytery, and signed by twenty persons; also the resolutions originating the petition; also, another petition signed by eighteen persons, and which was brought before the Presbytery by its Deputy. Heard Mr. Cameron in support of the Appeal. Heard Messrs. Dick and Fraser in defence of the decision of Presbytery.

Pleadings.

Agreed that the further consideration of this case be deferred until the evening.

Clergy Reserves.

The Committee to whom was referred the Overture from the Presbytery of Durham, in relation to the Clergy Reserves, reported and recommended to the Synod the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz:—

Resolutions.

1. With respect to the general principles involved in the Clergy Reserves question, the Synod deem it sufficient to refer to Deliverances on this subject, embodied in records of their 13th and 16th sessions, as explanatory of their sentiments, and to declare their unaltered adhesion to the views therein set forth.

2. The Synod agree to express their satisfaction, that the whole question of the Clergy Reserves has, by the action of the Imperial Government, been left entirely at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature.

3. Under the new aspect which the question has thus assumed, the Synod feel called, in the most emphatic manner, to declare, that no adjustment of that question can be regarded as satisfactory, which shall be founded on a more extended division of the Clergy Reserves, among the different religious denominations, or which shall not embrace, as an essential element, the absolute and definitive appropriation of these Reserves to objects purely secular.

4. The Synod renew the recommendations of former years to the congregations under their care, diligently to use all legitimate means, and strenuously to exert the influence possessed by them in their several localities, with a view to secure, as speedily as possible, the settlement of this question, in a manner accordant with the well known principles of this Church.

The Report was received—its recommendations were adopted, and the Synod did and do resolve in terms thereof.

Students, inspection of, Presbytery of Durham.

The Presbytery of Durham reported on the inspection of Students of Theology in their bounds, to the following effect:—

That they have had under their inspection, as Students, Messrs. Tisdale, McNeilie, and McFaul; that the two former have had several exercises assigned them, and have given the Presbytery uniform satisfaction. In regard to Mr. McFaul, the Presbytery have never had him before them, in consequence of ill health.

(Signed) R. H. Thornton, Presbytery Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the benediction.

XIV. SEDERUNT.

Toronto, Wednesday,
June 22, 1853, 7 o'clock P. M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called and marked. The reading of the minutes of the last Sederunt was deferred to the close of this Sederunt.

Reasons of Dissent.

The Rev. Dr. William Taylor, for himself and others joined with him, now handed in reasons of dissent and protest against the resolution of the Synod passed at the eleventh Sederunt, referring the case of the Session of Toronto congregation and Mr. Ure to a Select Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

That the reasons of dissent and protest offered by Dr. W. Taylor and others, be received and be engrossed in the minutes; but that no committee be appointed to answer them.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Ferrier, seconded by Mr. Skinner,

That a Committee be appointed to answer these reasons.

The vote being taken on the amendment and the motion, the motion was carried, and the Synod resolved and decided according to the motion.

The reasons are as follows, viz:—

Dissent, reasons of.

1. Because, as the Synod resolved at its last Sederunt to "summon the parties to their Bar, and there to deal with them," it is manifestly a rescinding of this resolution to appoint a Select Committee now, to deal with them privately; and as this has been done in violation of the Rules of Order which the Synod has adopted, all proceedings arising from it ought to be regarded as null.

2. Because a private investigation will not satisfy the public, which will look upon the present course of the Synod as an attempt to evade the enquiry, and smother the question. And in consequence of this suspicion, the ultimate sentence of this Court in this case will be deprived of all moral weight in the public mind, and will fail to bring about an amicable termination of the strife and heart-burning which have so long flowed from it.

3. Because such a course is unjust to both the parties. It is unjust to the Session of Toronto, who have signified that they will not submit to it; and also to Mr. Ure, who is quite willing that the investigation should be public, but by its being conducted privately, is deprived of an opportunity of setting himself right with the members of this Court, and with the public, by giving explanations which might remove unfavorable impressions.

(Signed) Wm. Taylor, D.D.
Wm. Aitken.
Alexander Henderson.
John McClure.
William Fraser.

Dissent.

Dr. William Taylor then read and gave in, for himself and others, reasons of dissent from the final decision of the Synod in the case of the Session of Toronto Congregation and Mr. Ure. The reasons were ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, and are as follows, viz:—

Reasons of Dissent.

1. Because, there is injustice committed against the Session of Toronto, by declaring that they have "obstructed" the business of this Court, whereas they have only expressed their unwillingness to have a private rather than a public investigation, in the exercise of a right which the Synod has already acknowledged.

2. Because, there is injustice committed against Mr. Ure, for the important explanations which he is said to have made are not made public, and therefore both he and the Court are deprived of the benefit of them.

3. Because this decision involves a culpable loosening of the bonds of discipline, likely to exert a pernicious influence not only in the Congregation of Toronto, but throughout the Church. It is well known that this Congregation has been involved in trouble and contention for more than a year, and now this Court has brought the whole case abruptly to a close, without having the faithfulness to say where the blame lies, or addressing any word of admonition or reproof to either party.

(Signed) Wm. Taylor, D.D.,
Wm. Aitken,
Alexander Henderson,
John McClure,
Wm. Fraser.

Dissent, Committee to answer.

Agreed that the foregoing reasons of dissent from the final decision on the case of Mr. Ure, be inserted in the minutes; and that Dr. Ferrier, Messrs. Drummond, Torrance, Thornton and Skinner, be appointed a committee to answer them. To report to-morrow forenoon. Dr. Ferrier, Convener.

Dissent, Toronto Session.

Mr. Jennings, for himself and the Session of Toronto congregation, gave in reasons of dissent of the following tenor, viz:

1. Because the Synod have refused to enter upon the moral merits of the case.

2. Because the Synod have resolved to give Mr. Ure a certificate of church membership, notwithstanding that he was accused of making five statements before this Court, all of which could be proved to be untrue, by evidence offered by the Session and produced in Court.

3. Because the decision of Synod subverts the ordinary principles of morality held even by irreligious men—not to speak of the high obligations of our holy faith.

(Signed) John Jennings,
Moderator of Session.

Dissent, Committee to answer.

These reasons were received, and the same Committee appointed to answer the reasons of dissent of Dr. W. Taylor and others, were appointed to answer them. Report to be given in to-morrow forenoon.

Appeal, Cameron and others.

Resumed consideration of the case of Appeal, Cameron and others against the Presbytery of Toronto, in the matter of a new congregation in this city.

Heard Mr. Jennings on behalf of himself and the Session and congregation. Heard Mr. Cameron in reply. Heard Mr. Jennings in explanation. Questions were then asked the Commissioner, Mr. Cameron, which were answered. The parties were then removed. Pleadings. Questions.

After reasoning, it was moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Hogg, Motion on the case.

That this Synod do not think that there is, at present, a Call in Providence to attempt the formation of a new congregation, in this city, in connexion with the United Presbyterian Church; therefore dismiss the Protest and Appeal, and affirm the decision of the Presbytery.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. McNaughton, Elder, Deliverance.

Sustain the Protest and Appeal, set aside the decision of the Presbytery, and grant the prayer of the petition.

The amendment being first put, was carried; and the Synod did and do decide and resolve in terms thereof.

The several parties were then addressed by the Moderator.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow at nine o'clock, A.M.

Closed with the benediction.

XV. SEDERUNT.

Toronto, Thursday,
June 23, 1853, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the two former Sederunts were read and sustained.

The Committee to whom was referred the reasons of dissent of Dr. William Taylor and others, against the decision of Synod in the case of the Session of Toronto congregation and Mr. Ure; as also the reasons of dissent from the same decision by Mr. Jennings and the Session, gave in answers to the said reasons of the following tenor: Dissent. Dr. W. Taylor, answers to, reasons of.

Answers to reasons of Dissent by Dr. William Taylor and others.

1. The Committee beg leave to remark, that the Synod, by appointing a Select Committee to retire with the parties, by no means intended to proceed with a private investigation, but were only desirous to prepare for, and facilitate, a subsequent public investigation.

2. The Committee have only to state, that the "important explanations" were made public before the Court in the Report of the Select Committee, which will be published in the minutes.

3. The whole conduct of this Synod secures it against being justly

characterized as being disposed, either directly or indirectly, to "loosen the bonds of discipline;" inasmuch as that, whilst it uniformly attributes the highest importance to this ordinance, it at the same time protects the rights of members, Sessions and Presbyteries.

But your Committee cannot see that there is any "loosening of the bonds of discipline" involved in the decision of Synod; for it has merely declared the incompetency of the Session to institute proceedings against Mr. Ure for expressions employed before this Court last year, which passed unchallenged at the time; and therefore we cannot perceive how any pernicious consequences will follow in the congregation of Toronto, or in any other; and even if there should be, the Synod is not responsible. This court has not brought the matter abruptly to a close, nor refrained from saying where the blame lies; for by affirming the decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, they declared that the Session was in blame for taking up the case. Nor is it consistent with fact, "that no word of admonition was addressed to either party;" and as for reproof, it was felt to be uncalled for in the circumstances.

The same committee gave in at the same time, answers to the reasons of dissent from the decision of Synod in the case given by the Moderator and Session of the Toronto congregation, as follows:—

Dissent of Toronto Session, answers to reasons of.

Answers to Reasons of Dissent by the Session of Toronto congregation.

1. That in as far as this case was before the Court, neither its moral nor ecclesiastical merits were overlooked.

2. Certain accusations against Mr. Ure's veracity were, it is true, forced on the Court; but were met to their satisfaction by Mr. Ure's explanations, which showed that the allegations of the Session referred to a period subsequent to the Synod of 1852, the transactions of which he does not impugn; whereas his language had reference to a time anterior to that period—thus appearing to be merely a misunderstanding between the parties, and involving no moral delinquency. The Synod, therefore, in giving Mr. Ure a certificate of membership, do no more than justice to him; as it simply places him in the position in which he was left by them in 1852, from which the Session, by proceedings for which they were incompetent, were attempting to displace him.

3. This reason is so gross in itself, that it carries its own refutation with it; and is so insulting to the Court, that your Committee submit that it should be allowed to remain without further notice.

The answers to reasons of dissent, in both instances, were adopted by the Synod, and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

Students of Theology, literary course of.

Called for the Report of the Committee on the literary course to be pursued by students of Theology.

Mr. Jennings reported verbally, and the report was received.

Theological Education, Committee of.

Appointed a Committee on Theological Education—Professor the Rev. Dr. John Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Christie, Thornton, Dick and Barrie. Dr. Taylor to be Convener.

Authorization to.

And the Committee were authorized, at their earliest convenience, to issue *ad interim* recommendations to Presbyteries respecting the examination and superintendence of students of Theology.

The Committee, appointed at the VIII. Sederunt, on the Supplement of Stipend under certain circumstances, reported to the following purport—viz:

Supplement Report of Commitee on.

1. That it is the law of the Synod that Congregations, and not Ministers, are the party receiving Supplement of Stipend.

2. While this Synod hold as a general principle that Ministers give themselves wholly to the Ministry, yet inasmuch as in the present circumstances of the country the performance of the duties of Local Superintendent of Common Schools by the Ministers of this Synod, within proper bounds, tends to the benefit of the Teachers, and youth especially, and of the community generally, and is thus in itself favourable to the higher interests of morality and religion; therefore, none of the Ministers of this Synod be, for the present, discouraged from accepting said office.

3. Your Committee would recommend that the question of remuneration, in cases where congregations still receive aid from our Mission Fund, and the Ministers of which are Superintendents of Schools, be left, where they think it ought to be left, to the vigilant inspection of the Presbyteries in whose bounds said Congregations are.

(Signed) James Dick, *Convener.*

The report was received.

Motion on Report.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. McClure, that the following be substituted for the 3rd section of the report, viz.:—

That Ministers of this Church receiving Supplement, may be allowed to take the office of Superintendent of Common Schools; provided always, that all the emoluments received from such office shall be deducted from the supplement of stipend granted by Synod.

Deliverance.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Aitken,

That the report of the Committee be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions for their consideration, and they be enjoined to Report to this Synod at its next meeting.

The Amendment, being first put, was carried, and the Synod did and do decide in terms thereof.

Congregational Management of affairs.

Took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Wellington, anent the management of Congregational affairs, recommending the adoption of the system of book-keeping now in general use in the congregations in Scotland, published by David Robertson, of Glasgow, and that the books of congregations be examined yearly by the Presbytery, to see that they are regularly and correctly kept.

Recommendation.

Agreed to recommend to congregations, to consider the propriety of adopting the system of church stationery referred to in the Overture.

Ministers and Preachers of other denominations, reception of.

Took up an Overture from Professor Taylor, in reference to the receiving of Ministers and Preachers of other denominations, and recommending that every application for admission made to a Presbytery, shall, if the Presbytery be favourably disposed towards it, be referred to the Synod for its judgment, and that the Synod

adopt such rules as to its wisdom may seem meet, for guiding the form of procedure by Presbyteries in such cases.

Deliverance on reception of Ministers.

Referring to the existing law of Synod, for the reception of Ministers and Preachers of other denominations, on pages 161 and 162 of the printed minutes, it was agreed,

That the 2nd resolution on page 162 of printed Minutes be rescinded, and that the following be substituted, namely,—That the Presbytery to whom they apply may receive them on trial till the next meeting of Synod, and that their final admission shall in all cases be a Synodical act.

Ordination of Mr. W. Dickson.

Entered on the consideration of an Overture from the Presbytery of Wellington, as to the ordination of Mr. William Dickson over the Congregations of Albion and Vaughan, by the Presbytery of Toronto, in violation of a law of Synod, requiring that

Overture on.

"No Preacher shall be ordained or installed, till he have gone, at least once, over all the Presbyteries."

Decision.

The Presbytery of Toronto explained; and the explanations were received and sustained.

Printing, order for.

Ordered—That 350 copies of the Minutes be printed for the use of Ministers and Sessions.

Thanks to Toronto congregation.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the Minister and other Office-bearers, and Congregation of Toronto, for the comfortable accommodation furnished by them for this meeting.

Delayed all other causes.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod.

After engaging in praise, by singing Psalm cxxxii. 13—16, the Moderator announced that the next meeting would be held in the city of Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of June, 1854, and closed the meeting with the Apostolic benediction.

WILLIAM BARRIE, *Moderator.*
WILLIAM FRASER, *Synod Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

No. I.

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

[*Adopted by the Synod, June* 17, 1853.]

PRELIMINARY RULES.

I. The Synod shall meet annually, as may be appointed at the previous meeting. The opening Sermon shall be preached at the commencement of the meeting by the Moderator, who immediately thereafter shall constitute the Synod. The Roll shall then be made up from the Reports of Presbyteries. The new Moderator shall then be chosen, who shall forthwith take the Chair.

II. The Clerk shall present to the Moderator a correct list of the business left unfinished at the preceding meeting of Synod: also, a list of the Committees that have to report, and the business assigned them: and an opportunity shall be given for the presentation of petitions, papers, and matters of reference from inferior courts.

III. The following appointments shall then be made by the Moderator:—

First—Two members of Synod to conduct the devotional exercises of the next Sederunt.

Secondly—A Committee of Bills and Overtures, consisting of the Clerks of the several Presbyteries, which shall report at next Sederunt.

Thirdly—A Committee, consisting of two members from different Presbyteries, to audit the Treasurers' accounts.

Fourthly—Committees, consisting of two members from different Presbyteries, to examine the Minutes of Presbyteries.

SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

IV. There shall be three Sederunts each day during the sittings of Synod. The morning Sederunt to commence at nine o'clock, A. M., and close at twelve o'clock, noon. The afternoon to commence at two o'clock, and close at five o'clock, P. M. The evening Sederunt to commence at seven o'clock, P. M., and close at nine o'clock.

V. The chair shall be taken by the Moderator, precisely at the hour; if the Moderator be not present, then the previous Moderator, and if he be not present, then the senior minister present shall take the chair.

GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.

VI. After prayer, and the constituting of the Synod by the Moderator, the Clerk shall call the Roll and mark absentees, who shall be liable to censure, unless their absence shall appear to be necessary. The mi-

nutes of the previous Sederunt shall then be read, and on being sustained, shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk in presence of the Synod.

VII. Immediately after the minutes of the first Sederunt are read and sustained, the Moderator shall give notice, that an opportunity shall be afforded to any member to move the correction of any inaccuracy in the printed minutes of the previous meeting of Synod.

VIII. The appointment of the following Standing Committees shall be made on giving in their reports to Synod:—

First—A Committee of Missions, whose duty it shall be to attend to the wants and Missionary operations of the church.

Secondly—A Committee of Theological Education, consisting of members from different Presbyteries.

Thirdly—A Committee of Distribution, whose duty it shall be to superintend the appointments of Probationers.

COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE.

IX. Important business shall be referred as much as possible to Select Committees, which shall be nominated by the Moderator, but subject to the vote of Synod, if any member require it.

X. Papers referred to a Committee, with a copy of their appointment, when it contains any specification of their duty, and a list of members in the order of their nomination, shall be forthwith delivered by the Clerk to the Convener, who shall always be the person first named, unless it be ordered otherwise.

XI. Committees, in making their reports, shall give a concise and lucid statement of facts and reasons, with reference to the proof; and may, if they see cause, close their reports with one or more propositions in the form of resolutions, which resolutions, when read aloud from the chair, shall be equivalent to a motion or motions regularly before the Court.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

XII. The Synod may resolve itself into a Committee, consisting of all the members thereof, called the Committee of the whole House; in which case the Moderator shall appoint a Chairman, subject to the vote of Synod.

XIII. The Committee of the whole cannot adjourn; it must always rise and report. When it rises the Moderator resumes the chair, and the Chairman reports its proceedings to him. If the business referred to it be not finished, the Committee, through their Chairman, reports progress, and asks leave to sit again, which the Synod may grant or refuse at its discretion. Refusing such leave discharges the Committee, and leaves the business at the disposal of the Synod.

XIV. If the Synod concur in the report of the Committee, their resolutions are approved and sustained as the determination of the Synod. This is ascertained by the Moderator proposing the question—Does this Synod adopt the Report of the Committee of the whole?

XV. The Committee of the whole may be discharged, either at its own request, or on a motion for that purpose.

ON MOTIONS.

XVI. The Synod cannot act but in virtue of a motion regularly before it; and no motion shall be considered as regularly before it, either for disposal or discussion, until it shall have been announced by the Moderator from the chair in the words of the motion.

XVII. No motion, or amendment thereto, except for adjournment, reference to a committee, or such like matters, shall be received by the Moderater, unless reduced to writing, and seconded.

XVIII. Motions are always open to amendments, even to the complete alteration of the proposition moved; which amendments must be introduced in the same way as original motions.

XIX. The last amendment or proposition admitted to discussion shall be the first that is put to the vote.

XX. In the case of competing motions, the names of the movers and seconders, of any motions and amendments admitted by the Synod, shall be entered on the minutes.

DELIBERATION AND DISCUSSION.

XXI. Every speaker on any motion or amendment before the Court, shall rise and address the Moderator.

XXII. Members in speaking shall confine their remarks to the subject under consideration, and avoid all irrelevant matter.

XXIII. When two or more members rise and attempt to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who shall be first heard.

XXIV. No member shall speak more than once on any one subject before the Court, except for explanation, without the special permission of the Synod.

XXV. The proposer of any motion or overture shall be heard in reply, after the other members have spoken.

XXVI. No member shall be interrupted by another member while speaking, except in reference to a point of order.

XXVII. A member when called to order (which may be done by another member or by the Moderator), shall sit down until the Moderator shall have decided on the point of order, which he may do without assigning reasons.

XXVIII. An appeal from the chair on a point of order shall be decided without debate.

XXIX. When the Moderator desires to speak on any subject before the Court, he must leave the chair.

THE VOTE.

XXX. When there is no debate, or it appears to be concluded, the Moderator shall rise, and, having distinctly read the motion, shall enquire—Are you ready for the question? No objection being offered, nor any one rising to speak, he shall put the question thus: Shall this motion (or amendment, or resolution, as the case may be) pass? And pausing for a moment, shall add: As many as are in favor thereof, hold up the right hand. And then, reversing the question: As many as are of a contrary mind, signify the same by holding up the right hand.

XXXI. If any member of Court desires it, or the party concerned, the Roll may be called, and the votes marked.

XXXII. No member shall be excused from voting when his name is called, but by the consent of the Synod.

XXXIII. When a number of members feel themselves perplexed, and unable to come to a conclusion, it may be prudent to defer a decision, or to take the previous question, whether they shall vote or not on the main question.

XXXIV. When members are equally divided, and the Moderator feels himself too much embarrassed to give the casting vote, the question shall be deferred till the next Sederunt; and if, on the second trial, the equal division and the Moderator's embarrassment remain, it shall lie over for future consideration.

XXXV. When the vote has been taken, the Moderator shall declare the motion carried or lost, as the case may be; and after this, or after the Clerk has begun to call the Roll on a division, no further discussion thereon shall be permitted.

XXXVI. The yeas and nays may be recorded at the request of one-fifth of the members present, but not otherwise.

XXXVII. Any vote may be reconsidered upon a resolution to that effect proceeding from the side of the majority, but not at the same Sederunt at which it was passed, unless with the unanimous consent of the members present. A resolution passed during the last Sederunt may be reconsidered, on the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

XXXVIII. Any of the Rules of Order may be suspended on an occasion of urgency, by the consent of two-thirds of the members present, without discussion.

XXXIX. A motion or overture that materially affects the doctrine, government, discipline, or order of the Church, shall, if entertained by the Synod, be remitted to Presbyteries and Sessions, for their consideration and deliverance, before it can be adopted by the Synod.

XL. No business shall be transacted at a *pro re nata* meeting of Synod, but that for which it has been specially convened by the Moderator.

XLI. Nine members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business, provided that there are in said quorum a member or members from three different Presbyteries.

XLII. The meetings of Synod are open to the public; but when circumstances require it the Synod may sit privately.

XLIII. Any member absent from a meeting of Synod without satisfactory cause, or any member leaving any Session of the Synod without its consent, shall be liable to censure.

XLIV. A minute of Synod may be expunged with the unanimous consent of the members present.

XLV. As soon as possible after each Annual Meeting of Synod, the minutes of its proceedings shall be printed, and copies thereof transmitted by the Clerk to each Minister and Session.

XLVI. The meeting of Synod shall be closed with praise; and after announcing the time and place of next meeting, the Moderator shall pronounce the Apostolic benediction.

No. II.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Read at the Meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod, June, 1853.

In presenting their Report for the past year, your Committee would express their grateful acknowledgments to that Being by whom the have been preserved in life, and would state that the greatest harmony has prevailed in all their meetings, and that the members have shown, by their attendance, the interest they took in the faithful and efficient performance of the services to which they were appointed.

Nothing of special importance has occurred at any of our meetings which have been held; there has been little, if any, departure from the routine of former years; no new suggestion has been offered as to the mode in which the Mission business of the Church should be transacted; and, with one exception, no report, nor information, has been presented

upon new fields of missionary labour and enterprise. Our principal business has been with congregations—enjoying the privilege of a stated pastorate—which are dependent upon the funds for supplement, and in receiving reports of the services of Probationers, examining their accounts, and implementing the terms of their engagement with your Synod.

In all, there have been eight congregations which have been supplemented to a larger or smaller amount. One of these has drawn as much as £50 11s. 3d.; another £45; a third, £40; while some have applied for little more than a nominal sum. More than one of these congregations have long been in the receipt of supplement, and do not appear to realise the fact that it was expected when they had aid first granted, and at each renewal of it, they would, from year to year, increase their efforts for the support of the ministry among them as they increased in numbers and ability, till they became self-supporting, and thus allow others the opportunity of having extended to them the assistance which they hitherto had been for a period enjoying. By no means is it wished to make invidious distinctions, or express ungrounded complaints, but, in looking over the tables of statistical reports, it must be seen that, in several instances, efforts are not made in proportion to means, and, in consequence of this, there has to be a withholding from the weak to support the strong, which might be independent of external resources. However unwilling, yet your Committee have felt constrained to refuse granting immediately certain applications which were made, and to appoint one of their number to examine, in connection with a member of Presbytery within whose bounds the congregation was, and report upon the propriety of granting the sum requested. It is earnestly hoped that such procedure will have a beneficial influence. Ministers are not blamed here, for it has been a constant object not to deal with them, but with their congregations, when these have not evinced that spirit of increasing liberality which should have been growing with their growth, and strengthening with their strength. Let us suggest that, when any vacant congregation petitions for a moderation and cannot offer the minimum salary, the Presbytery cause intimation to be made to it that it must endeavor to approach it from year to year; and when petitions from those which are already upon the list of the supplemented, are presented for recommendation and transmission to the Committee, that the Presbytery state to them that there must be a gradual diminution of the amount applied for, till aid be no longer required. Delay has also been caused, in some instances, in consequence of the petitions not being accompanied with statistical reports. As the law of Synod requires that the statistics of congregations reach only to December, they should be collected as soon afterwards as possible, and sent with the applications which are forwarded in the month of January.

In two cases ministers have drawn small sums in fulfilment of engagements which were made with the Mission Board, in Scotland, and which have now expired.

During the year there have been paid altogether to Preachers, £170 13s. 6d.; while the fund is at present liable for £194 9s. 9d. Your Committee complained in their last Report that vacancies did not seem to have an influencing sense of their obligations to pay for the occasional supply of sermon they received; and they have as much reason to repeat the complaint in this report. In several cases, where the membership is considerable, and the means are not lacking, a sum has been handed to the Preacher, scarcely sufficient to pay his expenses from one station to another, even where the distance is not great, and which, if taken as an index of the value set upon christian ordinances, shows that this is small indeed. Your Committee have corresponded upon the subject with some of the Presbyteries and stated that they would hold them responsible for the balance between the sum raised and the sum which the Synod requires vacancies, in ordinary circumstances, to pay. We

would respectively suggest that measures should be speedily and energetically employed to bring such to a sense of their duty. Presbyteries can devise and adopt those which they consider most suitable and efficient; but permit us to mention that, if a place of meeting is possessed by a vacancy, there should be a proportionate seat rent paid by the parties that assemble in it; where a place of meeting is not possessed, the elders should see that the managers have some plan which they work for collecting the free-will offerings of the people, and even stations should not be exempted. We feel that it cannot be the want of means which is the reason why so little is given to preachers, or we should not dwell, as we are doing, upon the point, for, in our knowledge, congregations have come forward with petitions for a moderation, and offering a considerable stipend, which pay scarcely anything to preachers. There are indeed one or two noble exceptions, where the members are by no means numerous—cases in which the law of Synod has been fully and more than complied with.

Mr. James Fraser has been continuing his labours as catechist in the London Presbytery, dividing his services between stations in Hibbert, Fullarton, Osborne, Flat Creek, Fish Creek, Biddulph Road, London Road, and Macgillivray. During the past half year he has fulfilled all his appointments, and by officiating in two places every Sabbath, has been present in each once a month. He remarks that all these stations seem to be in a healthy condition, and are increasing. He has raised, by collections, for the half year that is about to close, £6 16s. 1½d., being a small increase upon the amount collected for the corresponding period of last year.

The case of the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, which was referred to your Committee at the last meeting of Synod, has been brought under the consideration of the Mission Board in Scotland, and warmly recommended to their favourable notice. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Sommerville, which was received shortly afterwards, announced that the Board had agreed to grant Mr. Kennedy £20 sterling, and it will be observed from the published report of the proceedings of the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, that when the matter was brought up in that Court, it was considerately resolved that £20 sterling, additional, should be paid him out of the Synod Fund.

Mention was made by your Committee, in their Report for last year, of the spiritually destitute condition of the Owen Sound tract, to which attention had been called by the Wellington Presbytery, and your sanction was procured for an application to the Board of Missions in Scotland for a man to cultivate that field in particular, his salary to be paid out of the fund at home. To this application the Mission Board readily assented, leaving it to the Church here to choose the person who might appear best qualified for the work, and to receive the reports of his labors, which he might from time to time furnish; and agreeing to place him on a footing with Preachers coming from the old country; that is, to pay him at the rate of £100 sterling for three years; yet, mentioning that this would be an excellent opportunity for awakening the missionary spirit and interest of our congregations in the Province, and suggesting that it should be embraced. As the application had originated with the Wellington Presbytery, it was decided that the letter of the Secretary should be referred to them to take what action upon it they judged advisable.

Mr. Thornton, Clerk of the Durham Presbytery, sent in to the Comtee a very interesting account of the Mission Field which that Presbytery embraces—the opportunity it affords for the extension of the Church, and the progress which has been made of late in that district. At the meeting at which this document was read, it was resolved, in token of the pleasure which the Committee felt at the statements it contained, and of the expectation that it might be generally interesting and useful, that copies of it be furnished to the editors of the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine*, and the *United Presbyterian Record*, for publication in these periodicals, which was done accordingly.

Some years ago, a proposal was adopted that each Presbytery should nominate to the Mission Committee a weak congregation within its bounds, for aid from the Mission Funds, raised in the Province. The following have been supplemented in fulfilment of that plan: Chatham, in the Presbytery of London; Chippawa, in the Flamboro' Presbytery; a peculiarity has arisen in the case of Toronto Township and Brampton, in the Toronto Presbytery, which will come up before your Court for consideration. All of these have been materially benefitted. Chippawa has become self-supporting; Chatham appears to be in a highly prosperous state; the membership has increased last year by seventeen, while the income has been more than doubled, and, in a letter read in Committee, upon the 11th January last, it is stated that the congregation expected to raise £46 for their minister's stipend, additional to what they had raised for the year preceding. The Committee have been so well pleased with this, that they engrossed in their minutes their approbation of the spirit which this congregation was evincing, and of the energy which they were displaying. May they soon be among those that can say, "we have not only a minister of our own, but we also support him by our voluntary offerings."

Much difficulty has been felt in the consideration and adjustment of Preachers' accounts, the recurrence of which would be prevented if the Synod were pleased to adopt some form which could be given to Preachers, when they commenced their labours, to fill up. It is not wished to do away with their reports to Presbyteries, nor with the certification and transmission of them, but, when several documents come in at different times, from different quarters, and embracing periods separated from each other by an interval, of which no account may be received for weeks or months, owing to the fact that there may not be a meeting of the particular Presbytery, or that the Clerk may not certify and transmit the account that has been presented to him, considerable trouble is experienced in forming these into a connected whole. Probationers, again, generally do nothing more than mark the sums they have been paid at the vacancies where they have preached; thus giving your Committee the trouble of entering into a calculation as to the amount which they are entitled to draw. We would recommend that they be instructed to furnish the Committee *directly* with a general statement of their receipts, and the Sabbaths on which they have been employed, with *their own calculation*, showing the amount of balance to which they have a claim, and this could be checked by the reports that come in from the respective Presbyteries. At a trifling expense such a form could be printed as would greatly facilitate the labour of all parties, and, if thought proper, one for Presbyteries might also be adopted, and the Committee of Distribution could furnish each Probationer with one when he entered upon his duties. This would put an end to the unbusiness form in which their reports now come, as well as save time and trouble to the Committee.

The statistical reports of the different Presbyteries, for the year ending December, 1851, were published in the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine*, as soon as they could be prepared, and advantage was taken of the type, from which this was printed, to throw off a number of copies on separate sheets, that one might be transmitted to each congregation. As the members of Synod are in possession of that document, your Committee will say nothing in the way of describing it, and we hope its publication will meet with your approval.

As the last of the Presbyterial statistical reports, for the year 1852, did not come to the hand of the Convener till a week ago, he has been prevented from preparing a general table as soon as was desirable. He is able, however, to give an outline, and since your Committee on Missions

is also your Committee on Statistics, it has been thought part of their duty to embody such an outline in this report.

The names of 69 congregations occur in the papers that have come to hand, but three of these give no statistics, while in the case of several others these are incomplete. 44 "stations within bounds," are returned, being an increase of 4 upon last year. The "average attendance" throughout the Church, amounts to 12,845, shewing an increase upon the returns of the preceding year of 2,287; 930 members have been added, and 374 removed, while the numbers in the previous return were, respectively, 719, and 276, showing a total increase of 556, and an increase over the foregoing year of 113. The total membership is 6,409; baptism has been dispensed to 613, and 2,988 are in religious classes; 959 attend prayer meetings. "Volumes in Libraries," amount to 12,424, and the number of "Churches" is 76. Congregational debt, according to the reports, is £2,947 7s. 4½d. The "Total Income" has been £6,425 15s. 5d., and there have been expended upon stipend, £4050 12s. 10d., and on Church Property, £1,930 8s. 8½d. On these items severally, there has been a great increase; on that of "Income," for example, upwards of £1,050; on that of "Stipend," upwards of £1200; on that of "Church Property," more than £717. For the Theological Fund, there have been raised £76 6s. 6½d.; for the Synod and Presbytery Funds, £54 2s. 1½d.; for Synod's Missions, £197 4s. 10d., and for General Missions, £225 7s. 0½d. On the two last items there has been a falling off for the past year. While the total income, in the returns for the year ending December, 1851, gave an average of less than £1 to each member; this year it is just about that sum.

It will be observed that these general results do not present the actual state of the Church, for, in several cases, full returns have not been made —a circumstance which is much to be regretted, and which, it is highly desirable that Presbyteries should remedy in future, and again we are able to compare the present only with a year, the returns for which are imperfect. Sufficient evidence, however, is afforded that the United Presbyterian Church in Canada is prospering, and while we breathe the prayer, upon taking this retrospect, "Establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it," let the success with which God has blessed, and is still blessing the labours of his servants, stimulate them to renewed zeal and activity, in unfolding and bearing forward the banner which God has given them to display in the cause of truth.

No. III.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

MISSION FUND.

CHARGE AGAINST THE TREASURER.

1852.			£	s.	d.
June 17.	Balance on hand		352	9	5½
22.	Received from Essa Congregation		0	17	6
"	"	Richmondhill, Thornhill, and King Stations.	12	2	8
"	"	Toronto Township Congregation	1	18	10½
"	"	Brampton Congregation	1	4	3
Aug. 2.	"	Pakenham and Torbolton	1	8	5
12.	"	English Settlement	3	0	11½
"	"	Proof Line	1	7	4½
"	"	Blenheim	2	2	4½
"	"	McKillop	2	0	0
"	"	Newton	2	10	0
"	"	Whitby	10	0	0
Oct. 30.	"	English Settlement	2	18	2
"	"	Proof Line	1	13	1½
"	"	London	1	5	7½
Dec. 31.	"	Paris Congregation	2	1	10½
"	"	Do. Sabbath School Box	0	15	9
1853.					
Jan. 11.	"	Oneida	3	6	6
29.	"	Brantford Congregation	6	0	0
Feb. 3.	"	Toronto Missionary and Benevolent Society.	10	0	0
"	"	Ayr Congregation	10	0	0
"	"	Chippawa do.	2	10	0
"	"	Blandford do.	1	5	0
8.	"	Ayr do., collected in Mission Boxes.	6	2	6
11.	"	Oshawa do.	5	13	0
21.	"	West Gwillimbury	1	15	0½
"	"	Essa	0	17	0
"	"	Tecumseth	1	5	8½
Mar. 7.	"	Hamilton Congregation	10	0	0
11.	"	Chippawa do.	3	6	3
12.	"	Guelph do.	3	5	0
"	"	Eramosa do.	2	10	0
19.	"	Amherst Island do.	3	0	0
April 12.	"	Beverley do.	4	8	6
20.	"	Darlington	2	5	0
"	"	London	13	13	7
"	"	Blenheim	2	0	10
"	"	English Settlement	5	16	2½
"	"	Proof Line	2	8	0½
"	"	McKillop	3	0	0
"	"	Woodstock	1	2	6
May 19.	"	Ancaster East	1	19	4½
"	"	Caledonia	0	15	0
"	"	Indiana	0	15	0
31.	"	Glenmorris	10	14	0
June 10.	"	Caledon	1	0	0
14.	"	Eramosa	7	16	8½
15.	"	Pickering	5	0	0
		Balance of Interest	18	9	8
			£551	16	10

DISCHARGE.

1852.		£	s.	d.
June 22.	Paid Supplement, Congregations Toronto Township and Brampton	15	0	0
"	" Supplement Chippawa Congre. for past year,	11	5	0
26.	" Supplement Blandford Congregation	25	0	0
Aug. 18.	" Mr. Tweedie, Catechist	30	0	0
Sept. 21.	" Rev. Robert Torrance, account for Postages, Stationary, &c	1	14	0
Oct. 12.	" Supplement Blandford Congregation	25	0	0
Nov. 23.	" Mr. Sinclair, Preacher	7	15	0
1853.				
Jan. 15.	" Mr. James Fraser, Catechist.... £14 10 8			
	Exchange.... 0 1 3			
		14	11	11
Feb. 26.	" Supplement to Chatham Congregation	25	0	0
	Exchange	0	1	3
June 16.	" Rev. R. Torrance, Postages, Stationary, &c.	1	15	7
	Balance against the Treasurer	394	14	1
		£551	16	10

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Canadian Mission Fund, have done so, and found them accurately kept.

(Signed) R. H. THORNTON, *Con. Com.*
ALEX. KENNEDY,
WILLIAM ROY.

June 16, 1853.

1853.		£	s.	d.
June 17.	Balance brought down	394	14	1
17.	Received from Newton	2	10	0
22.	" Clarke	6	0	0
"	" Congregations, Toronto Township & Brampton	2	10	8
"	" Richmondhill	9	15	0
"	" Blandford Congregation Sabbath School	0	12	6

1853.

June 22.	Paid Supplements to Congregations, Toronto Township and Brampton	20	0	0	
"	" Rev. J. Jennings, expenses attending Commit.	1	12	6	
July 5.	" Mr. J. Sinclair, Preacher	37	6	2½	
" 6.	" Supplement to Caledon Congregation	45	0	0	
	" Supplement to Blandford do	30	0	0	
	" Blenheim Congregation	26	0	9	
	" Mr. James Fraser, Catechist	8	3	10	
	" Mr. Deas, Preacher	22	15	2	
	" Rev. Mr. Cavan	15	19	3	
	" Rev. John Dunbar	22	10	3	
	" Mr. Matthew Barr, Preacher	48	11	0	
	" Printer's Account	2	1	3	
	" Pakenham Congregation	12	10	0	
	" Rev. R. H. Thornton, on account of Amherst Island Congregation	15	0	0	
	" Exchange and Postage	0	17	8	

THEOLOGICAL AND SYNOD FUND.

CHARGE AGAINST THE TREASURER.

1852.			*Institute.* £	s.	d.	*Synod.* £	s.	d.
June 21.	Received from Whitby Congregation					1	10	0
"	Clarke do.		1	8	9			
"	Port Hope do.		1	5	0			
22.	" Rev. D. Coutts, Pres. Treasurer—							
	Balance of last year...	£0 5 0						
	Vaughan	0 12 6						
	Chinguacousy	0 18 4½						
	Caledon	1 0 0						
	Gwillimbury	1 2 3½						
	Tecumseth	0 13 9½						
	Essa	0 19 1½						
	Richmond Hill	1 0 0						
		6 11 1						
	Less Presbytery fund...	2 7 2½						
						4	3	9½
"	Blandford Congregation					1	5	0
Aug. 2.	" Pakenham and Torbolton		2	1	7			
12.	" McKillop					0	7	6
13.	" Newton Congregation					1	5	0
Oct. 18.	" Ayr do.		2	8	10			
Nov. 5.	" Hamilton		2	14	2½			
15.	" Chippawa do.		2	0	0			
22.	" St. George do.		2	0	4			
22.	" Glenmorris do		1	4	8			
23.	" Flamboro'		6	17	6			
25.	" Guelph		4	10	0			
Dec. 14.	" Richmond Hill		2	0	0			
"	Thornhill Station		1	2	6			
"	King do.		1	2	6			
"	Caledon Congregation		1	8	4			
"	Caledon East Station		0	6	8			
31.	" Paris Congregation		1	11	11			
1853.								
Jan. 10.	" Montreal, per Rev. Dr. Taylor		6	12	3			
"	Elora Congregation		2	0	0			
11.	" St. Catharines—Thorold Station.		1	6	10½			
"	Eramosa Congregation		3	12	6			
29.	" Brantford do.		4	0	0			
Feb. 8.	" Mr. A. Rogers, South Dumfries		1	5	0			
11.	" Blandford Congregation		1	5	0			
21.	" Tecumseth do.		1	3	11½			
"	West Gwillimbury		2	1	1½			
"	Essa		1	2	2			
Mar. 7.	" Hamilton Congregation		4	7	8			
April 13.	" Dalhousie do.		1	11	8½			
"	St. Catharines		1	7	5			
20.	" Darlington		2	0	0			
"	English Settlement		2	8	4½			
"	Proof Line		1	13	9			
"	Rev. Mr. Logie					0	7	6
	Amount carried forward		72	0	7	8	18	9½

			Institute. £ s. d.	*Synod.* £ s. d.
		Amount brought forward	72 0 7	8 18 9½
June 10.	Received from	Caledon		1 0 0
14.	"	Eramosa		2 12 6
15.	"	Pickering	5 0 0	
	"	Chippawa		2 6 11
	"	Lachute		0 16 7½
16.	"	Whitby Congregation—front half.	2 0 0	
	"	West Gwillimbury.....£1 10 8½		
	"	Essa 0 19 0½		
	"	Tecumseth 0 15 5		
	"	Chinguacousy 1 1 10½		
		4 7 0½		
		Less Presbytery fund ... 0 5 2		
				4 1 10½
	"	Chinguacousy	1 18 1½	
	"	New Glasgow	1 0 0	
	"	Balance of Interest	0 9 9	
	"	Balance due the Treasurer		35 1 7½
		£	82 8 5½	54 18 4

DISCHARGE.

			Institute. £ s. d.	*Synod.* £ s. d.
1852.				
June 17.		Balance due the Treasurer		11 16 8½
		18. Paid J. Cleland for Printing Minutes...		12 3 9
Nov. 23.	"	Officer for attendance at meeting of Synod, and Theological Hall		6 10 0
1853.				
Jan. 11.	"	Rev. Thomas Christie, Treasurer of the Grant from Scotland.....		5 0 0
June 16.	"	Rev. Thomas Christie.....		5 0 0
	"	J. Cleland, for Printing (1851)....		2 5 0
	"	Rev. Mr. Fraser, Synod Clerk ...		10 0 0
	"	Postage account		2 2 10½
		£		54 18 4

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological and Synod Fund have done so, and find them correctly kept.

(Signed) R. H. THORNTON, *Con. Com.*
ALEX. KENNEDY,
WILLIAM ROY.

June 16, 1853.

			Institute. £ s. d.	*Synod.* £ s. d.
1853.				
July	6.	Paid Rev. Dr. Taylor one quarter's salary	76 0 10	
	6.	Exchange and Postage	0 4 0	
	6.	Balance against the Synod fund		35 1 7½
		Due Library		10 0 0
		Unpaid accounts, supposed to be		15 0 0

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	Amount brought forward	72 0 7	8 18 9½
June 10.	Received from Caledon		1 0 0
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15.	" Pickering	5 0 0	
	" Chippawa		2 6 11
	" Lachute		0 16 7½
16.	" Whitby Congregation—front half.	2 0 0	
	" West Gwillimbury.....£1 10 8½		
	" Essa 0 19 0½		
	" Tecumseth 0 15 5		
	" Chinguacousy 1 1 10½		
		4 7 0½	
	Less Presbytery fund ... 0 5 2		
			4 1 10½
	" Chinguacousy	1 18 1½	
	" New Glasgow	1 0 0	
	" Balance of Interest	0 9 9	
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6.	Balance against the Synod fund		35 1 7½
	Due Library		10 0 0
	Unpaid accounts, supposed to be		15 0 0

No. IV.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,

For the Year ending 31st December, 1852.

PRESBYTERIES AND ORGANIZED CONGREGATIONS.	Stations within Bounds.	Average Attendance.	Members Added.	Members Removed.	Members on the Roll.	Baptisms.	Number in Religious Classes.	Attending Prayer Meetings.	Volumes in Libraries.	Number of Churches.	Is Property Deeded?	Congregational Debt.	Total Income.	EXPENDITURE ON: Stipend.	Church Property.	Theological Fund	Synod and Presbytery Funds.	Synod's Missions.	General Missions.	Contributions to the Poor.	Incidental Expen's
PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.												£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
West Gwillimbury	...	80	1	2	41	1	.....	.....	171	1	Yes.	.....	45 6 2½	21 15 0	4 10 4	2 1 1½	1 2 2½	1 1 6	1 11 9½	.....	1 2 6
Tecumseth	...	100	2	1	72	11	45	....	195	1	Yes.	.....	21 2 6	13 6 11	3 11 8	1 3 1½	0 13 9½	.....	.....	.....	0 8 9
Essa	...	100	2	2	58	9	.....	.....	.....	1	No.	.....	22 19 11	17 7 6	.....	1 2 2	0 19 1½	0 17 6	.....	.....	0 3 9
Toronto	...	500	31	42	254	19	150	....	650	1	No.	.....	402 18 9½	200 0 0	76 16 3	.....	.....	10 0 0	13 13 9	.....	77 15 4
Richmond Hill	2	400	29	13	150	24	25	40	300	3	Yes.	.....	222 12 1	102 10 0	111 5 0	4 5 0	1 0 0	12 2 8	4 0 0	.....	8 0 3½
1st Chinguacousy	1	130	9	1	88	10	.....	.....	150	1	Yes.	.....	54 13 4½	47 14 9	4 6 1½	.....	0 18 4½	.....	.....	.....	0 12 6
2nd Chinguacousy	...	80	6	1	36	8	.....	.....	160	1	Yes.	.....	23 8 6	20 15 0	.....	.....	.....	0 13 0	.....	.....	1 18 6
Pickering	1	260	18	4	154	15	100	12	850	2	Yes.	.....	183 0 0	95 0 0	40 0 0	5 0 0	0 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	.....	2 0 0
Toronto Township and Brampton	1	200	22	26	107	12	40	30	200	2	Yes.	57 2 6	101 9 2½	75 0 0	13 17 6	3 1 3	1 7 4	3 3 1½	.....	.....	5 0 0
Caledon	1	200	8	3	49	8	20	....	.....	...	.....	.....	55 1 0	50 0 0	.....	1 15 0	1 0 0	1 5 0	.....	.....	0 5 0
Albion and Vaughan	...	170	7	2	71	....	.....	.....	.....	1	No.	.....	40 0 0	40 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	6	2220	135	97	1080	117	380	82	2616	14		57 2 6	1172 11 7	683 9 2	254 6 10½	18 8 6	7 0 10	34 2 9½	24 5 6½		97 6 7½
PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'																					
Flamborough	...	325	42	37	218	24	60	....	400	2	Yes.	160 0 0	150 11 1½	120 0 0	.....	9 0 0	1 0 0	2 8 7½	4 0 0	.....	14 2 6
West Dumfries	...	300	18	20	252	28	80	....	340	1	Yes.	21 0 0	150 8 1½	112 10 0	6 3 0	2 8 10	1 4 8½	16 2 6	2 15 0	.....	17 19 11
Paris	...	300	22	10	196	13	40	30	200	2	Yes.	217 18 0	350 7 0	103 15 0	227 14 2	1 16 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 1 8
Beverley	...	220	17	9	142	11	60	80	100	1	Yes.	60 0 0	130 17 2	100 0 0	18 15 6	.....	.....	4 8 6	5 12 11	.....	2 0 3
Brantford	...	250	27	7	136	12	60	60	360	1	Yes	.....	167 16 1	130 0 0	.....	4 0 0	.....	6 0 0	10 0 0	2 7 6	16 0 0
Chippawa	1	210	19	3	71	11	90	....	500	2	Yes.	61 10 9	131 1 3	88 15 1	44 6 3	2 0 0	1 17 6	10 6 9½	1 18 0	.....	
Caledonia	...	85	14	4	48	11	60	....	150	1	No.	100 0 0	185 1 4	42 17 0	135 0 0	1 10 0	0 16 9	0 15 0	3 7 6	.....	0 15 0
Indiana	...	60	6	....	48	7	.....	.....	.....	1	Yes.	.....	32 17 6	30 0 0	.....	1 10 0	0 12 6	0 15 0			
Ancaster East	...	80	5	4	35	6	30	....	50	1	Yes.	52 10 0	59 4 4½	27 15 0	28 5 0	1 0 0	0 5 0	1 19 4½			
Oneida	...	80	2	2	30	3	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	29 5 0	25 0 0	.....	1 0 0	3 5 0				
Hamilton	...	250	59	27	162	16	61	60	300	1	Yes.	440 9 11½	348 17 7½	150 0 0	558 6 7½	7 1 10	.....	10 0 0	10 0 0	.....	53 19 1
Blandford	1	140	12	7	71	21	35	50	350	1	.....	.....	56 0 0	50 0 0	.....	1 5 0	.....	.....	1 15 0	.....	1 5 3½
St. Catharines	1	200	25	1	94	5	45	....	100	1	Yes.	75 0 0	110 7 6	85 10 0	15 10 11½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 6 6½
Port Dalhousie	...	100	26	....	26	2	36	15	160	1	No.	.....	33 16 0½	25 0 0	5 19 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 16 11½
St. George																					
Glenmorris																					
Mount Pleasant	...	80	7	2	50	3	.....	.....	.....	1	Yes.	48 0 0	16 10 0	18 5 0							
Norwichville	1	100	6	....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	Yes.	21 8 4	20 3 8	9 0 0	17 8 0						
Ancaster West	...	40	6	....	24	....	15	....	150	1	Yes.	10 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0							
Eastern Seneca	...	80	1	....	26	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 0 0	13 0 0							
Vacancies—St. George, Glenmorris, Mount Pleasant, Norwichville, Eastern Seneca	4	2900	314	133	1648	174	672	295	3[illegible]0	19		1267 17 0½	2006 3 9½	1151 7 1	1057 8 7	32 12 0	9 1 5½	53 9 2½	39 8 5	2 7 6	134 7 2½
PRES'Y OF WELLINGTON.																					
Eramosa	...	200	14	3	130	15	50	55	400	1	Yes.	.....	120 10 3	88 1 10½	20 1 7	3 12 6	2 15 0	8 6 5½	2 10 0	.....	3 4 9½
Guelph	...	.....	19	5	175	18	.....	12	.....	...	Yes.	.....	.....	100 0 0							
Clora	2	300	45	22	141	17	134	10	406	2	Yes.	80 0 0	135 0 0	106 0 0	10 2 0	2 5 0	1 17 4	.....	.....	.....	15 4 3
Esquesing	...	150	1	2	59	4	.....	.....	100	1	Yes.	105 0 0	.....	.....	6 0 0						
Brant	2	60	2	2	23	3	.....	15	.....	1	Yes.	1 12 7	12 15 7	0 15 0	12 8 10½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 18 3
Lake Shore	1	90	.....	.....	60	4	30	50	125	.....	.....	.....	8 5 0	8 5 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 7 1
Sable River	...	50	2	7	35	5	.....	15	.....	1	Yes.	.....	10 17 9	1 5 0	9 5 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Vacancies—Esquesing, Brant, Lake Shore, Sable River. *Stations*—Syenham, Kincardine, Eden Mills, Greenock.	5	850	83	41	623	66	214	157	1031	6		186 12 7	287 8 7	304 6 10½	57 18 1½	5 17 6	4 12 4	8 6 5½	2 10 0		19 14 4½
PRESBYTERY OF LONDON																					
London	2	250	....	....	.....	...	90	.....	.....	1	Yes.	67 10 0	206 1 0½	125 0 0	48 12 8½	1 9 11½	1 12 6	14 12 3½	.....	.....	20 13 7
English Settlement	2	160	7	3	132	10	116	....	750	1	Yes.	.....	67 15 7½	50 0 0	3 7 6	.....	.....	11 17 9	1 7 3	.....	1 3 1½
Ethel	2	160	5	....	91	8	90	30	450	1	Yes.	.....	43 5 10	32 10 0	.....	.....	.....	7 5 0	1 5 5	.....	2 10 0
Lenheim	2	150	13	10	85	9	13	....	100	1	Yes.	.....	62 19 5	47 18 6	1 7 9	.....	.....	4 5 2	0 5 2	.....	4 17 11
McKillop		180	8	15	120	18	60	30	100	1	Yes.	100 0 00	68 12 5	55 9 11	.....	1 5 0	1 5 0	5 0 0	4 0 0	.....	1 12 6
Detroit																					
Warrensville	1	250	18	4	112	14	45	50	130	1	Yes	150 0 0	60 10 0	46 10 0	11 10 0	.....	0 10 0	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0
Bayfield		200	13	2	78	8	3	....	80	1	Yes.	50 0 0	95 4 2	34 16 8	60 0 0	.....	0 7 6	.....	.....	.....	0 10 0
Brucefield		60	2	2	40	6	20	....	80	1	Yes.	.....	20 15 0	20 0 0	.....	.....	0 5 0	.....	.....	.....	6 4 7
Chatham		175	21		65	18	55	....	220	1	Yes.	17 10 0	82 4 7	63 10 0	12 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Tilbury		60	....		13	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 0 0	12 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Downie		100	4		98	9	.....	.....	.....	1	No.	5 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
St. Mary's		100	7		60	14	.....	.....	.....	1	Yes.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ingersoll		40	2	1	28	2	35	14	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Vacancies — Ingersoll, Adelaide, Warwick, Goderich, Harwich.*	9	1885	100	37	922	118	527	124	3[illegible]0	11		390 0 0	719 8 1	529 13 1	137 7 11½	2 14 11½	4 0 0	43 0 2½	6 17 10		39 11 8½
PRES'Y OF CANADA EAST.																					
Montreal	...	600	.....	.....	270	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	Yes.	743 0 0	560 0 0	200 0 0	47 0 0	6 12 0	.....	34 0 0	5 0 0	15 0 0	123 0 0
New Glasgow	2	160	12	5	97	6	40	....	150	..	Yes.	.....	66 17 6	60 0 0	0 17 6	.....	.....	.....	6 0 0	.....	
LaChute	3	200	11	....	50	8	.....	20	.....	1	Yes.	.....	86 0 0	64 0 0	20 0 0	1 0 0	.....	0 16 3	.....	.....	0 3 9
Madrid	...	500	20	26	300	40	140	50	350	2	Yes.	.....	.....	125 0 0	.....	.....	0 5 0	.....	40 15 3	.....	22 0 0
Huntingdon	...	400	30	9	137	....	200	57	500	2	Yes.	260 0 0	261 17 7	88 0 0	149 18 0	.....	1 0 0	.....	4 0 0	.....	18 19 7
	5	1860	73	40	854	54	380	127	1100	5		1003 0 0	974 15 1	537 0 0	217 15 6	7 12 0	1 5 0	34 16 3	55 15 3	15 0 0	164 3 4
PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.																					
Whitby	2	560	9	9	153	13	80	8	340	2	Yes.	.....	161 6 7½	124 6 7½	.....	.....	5 0 0	11 6 4	9 15 0	.....	7 12 5
Darlington	1	190	8	4	84	8	15	30	130	1	Yes.	.....	94 1 5½	80 0 0	.....	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 5 0	2 10 0	.....	6 6 5½
Clarke	1	400	....	....	195	....	110	....	300	2	Yes.	.....	160 0 0	90 0 0	42 0 0	3 0 0	.....	6 0 0	22 0 0		
Newton and Newcastle	...	375	12	9	106	7	130	40	338	2	Yes.	.....	165 0 0	145 0 0	.....	.....	5 0 0	2 10 0	4 10 0	.....	8 0 0
Port Hope	1	450	32	5	262	13	129	57	450	2	Yes.	.....	160 0 0	108 0 0	.....	2 0 0	6 0 0	.....	38 0 0	.....	4 10 0
Emily	2	300	18	4	154	10	.....	.....	.....	3	Yes.	.....	235 10 0	100 0 0	120 4 0	.....	1 5 0	.....	7 5 0	.....	3 0 0
Lindsay and Verulam	1	90	19	....	51	7	20	8	.....	2	Yes.	4 0 6	97 19 11	35 0 0	43 7 8	.....	9 17 6	.....	.....	.....	9 14 9
Amherst Island	1	175	85	4	81	13	107	....	113	1	Yes.	7 10 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mariposa	1	80	21	....	21	2	.....	.....	.....	.....											
Oakhills									1												
Fredericksburgh									1												
Earnestown									1												
	10	2620	206	35	1107	73	591	143	1571	18		11 10 3	1073 18 0	682 6 7½	205 11 8	7 6 0	3 2 6	22 1 4	84 0 0		39 3 7½
PRESBYTERY OF LANARK.																					
Smith's Falls	3	330	5	1	88	5	164	31	300	1	Yes	31 5 0	104 19 6½	87 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 10 0	.....	4 14 0
Pakenham	2	180	14	...	87	6	60	....	436	2	Yes.	.....	86 10 0	75 0 0	.....	2 1 7	.....	1 8 7	.....	.....	8 0 0
	5	510	19	1	175	11	224	31	736	3		31 5 0	191 9 6½	162 10 0		2 7		1 8 7	12 10 0		12 14 0

*The Vacancies have not sent in any returns, except Ingersoll, which regularly pays £1 5s. per Sabbath's services; Harwich, 15s.; Goderich a[illegible] 15s, (Stipend £11 18s.); Warwick and Adelaide, no definite sum. The latter promises liberally in aid of the general funds.

The names of 75 Congregations appear in the above Table, but it will be observed that six of these give no statistics, while in the case of several others, these are incomplete. Forty-four "Stations within bounds" are returned—being an increase of four upon last year.

The "average attendance" throughout the Church amounts to 12,845, showing an increase upon the returns of the preceding year of 2,287: 930 Members have been added, and 374 removed, while the numbers in the previous return were, respectively, 719 and 276, showing a total increase of 546, and an increase over the foregoing year of 113. The total membership is 6,409: Baptism has been dispensed to 613, and 2,988 are in Religious Classes: 959 attend Prayer Meetings: "Volumes in Libraries" amount to 12,424, and the number of Churches is 76.

According to the Reports, "Congregational Debt" is £2,947 7s 4½d; the "Total Income" has been £6,425 15s 5d; and there has been expended upon "Stipend" £4,050 12s. 10d., and on "Church Property" £1,93[illegible] 8s. 8½d. On these items severally there has been a great increase on that of "Income," for example, upwards of £1050; on that of "Stipend" upwards of £1,200; and on "Church Property," more than £717.

For the "Theological Fund" there have been raised £76 6s. 6½d.; for the "Synod and Presbytery Funds," £54 2s. 1½d.; for "Synod's Missions," £197 4s. 10d.; and for "General Missions," £225 7s. 0½d. In these two last sums there has been a falling off for the past year. While the total income in the returns for the year ending December, 1851, gave an average of less than one pound to each member, this year it is just about one pound.

Let it be remarked, that these general results do not present the actual state of the Church; for, in many instances, full returns have not been made—a circumstance which is much to be regretted, and which it is highly desirable that Presbyteries should remedy in future; and again, we are able to compare only with a year, the returns for which were imperfect. Sufficient evidence, however, is afforded, that the United Presbyterian Church in Canada is prospering; and while we breathe the prayer, upon taking this retrospect, "Establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it,"—let the success with which God has blessed, and is still blessing the labors of his servants, stimulate them to renewed zeal and activity in unfolding and bearing forward the banner, which God has given them to display in the cause of truth.